

NATIONAL BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION (INC.)

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE NATIONAL BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION (INC.) HELD IN THE ASSOCIATION'S OFFICES WILLIAMS PARKING CENTRE, WELLINGTON ON WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY AND FRIDAY THE 24th, 25th AND 26th MARCH 1976 COMMENCING AT 9.30 a.m.
ON WEDNESDAY THE 24th MARCH 1976

PRESENT

Messrs I. J. Dickinson (In Chair)
P. Berry
G. McKenzie
E. R. Robinson
A. Clissold
M. Stuckey

ALSO PRESENT

The General Secretary, G. A. Beard

WELCOME TO MEMBERS

The Chairman in welcoming members said it would be apparent to members that the Association was servicing all sectors of the industry and that its membership was now comprehensive and representative. The range of function embraced a wide field and the objective must remain to achieve an orderly industry.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 3/4 December 1975 which had been circulated were taken as read and confirmed on the motion of Messrs Robinson/Berry with two amendments viz:

Reference page 10 - preamble to resolutions on Price Stabilisation levy delete words "in depth" and also on page 10 the March meeting dates to read 24th 25th and 26th.

The meeting stood adjourned until 8.50 a.m. Thursday to enable members to attend the Special General Meeting.

8.50 a.m. THURSDAY 25th

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

1) Price List Schedule

Resolved:-

"THAT THE EDITOR BE REQUESTED TO INCLUDE A SCHEDULE OF HONEY PRICES INCLUDING THE H. M. A. SCHEDULE THE PRICES OF APIARISTS TO BE ON AN "EX APIARY" BASIS."

2) Disease carried by Wasps

The next action to be taken in this matter was discussed after the reply from Mr Clinch was tabled; the reply asked for more background information and

If possible references to research papers.
Resolved:-

"THAT AN APPROPRIATE REQUEST BE DIRECTED TO THE OTAGO BRANCH WHO ORIGINATED THE 1975 CONFERENCE REMIT ON THE SUBJECT."

3) Honey Export Regulations 1950

Resolved:-

"THAT THE MINISTRY BE REQUESTED TO UPDATE AND REVISE THE REGULATIONS."

4) Department of Trade and Industry

Re inclusion of propolis in export incentive category - referred to General Secretary to pursue.

OBITUARIES

The President reported that since the last meeting a number of prominent beekeepers had passed away. He specially referred to the passing of Mr Bruce Forsyth a past president and Executive member who had served the Industry with distinction on both the Association and the Honey Marketing Authority. Another with long service to the Industry in the Waikato was Mr Norman Tuck who had been Waikato Branch Secretary for thirteen years. Other members who had passed on were Mr Arthur Ward of Waihi and Mr Dick Hobbs.

It was duly moved:-

"THAT THE EXECUTIVE NOTE WITH REGRET THE PASSING OF THESE MEMBERS AND PLACE ON RECORD ITS APPRECIATION OF THEIR SERVICES TO THE INDUSTRY IN THEIR RESPECTIVE CAPACITIES OVER A LONG PERIOD OF YEARS."

Robinson/Mr President. Carried

The Executive stood in silence as a mark of respect to the memories of the above named persons.

CORRESPONDENCE

Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries - Director of Advisory Services

Advising that Mr J. H. Watt had retired and that his successor was Mr Ian Forbes.

The General Secretary reported that he had attended Mr Watt's retirement function.

Resolved:-

"THAT THE ASSOCIATION CONVEY TO MR J. H. WATT ITS APPRECIATION OF HIS SERVICES TO THE INDUSTRY AND EXTEND TO HIM ITS BEST WISHES FOR A LONG AND HAPPY RETIREMENT."

Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries

Replying to enquiry received from Mr Von Sturmer of Manurewa re sprays used on strawberries. The reply was detailed and Executive concurred in a copy being forwarded on to Mr Von Sturmer.

Outward to Hon. Minister of Agriculture

Stating a case for a subsidy to be paid on sugar used in beekeeping industry - reply awaited. The General Secretary advised that his enquiries had indicated that the Association's request was unlikely to be successful - Noted.

N.Z. Counties Association - re Vipers Buglos

The reply indicated that amending legislation expected to be introduced in the 1976 session would resolve the question raised via a 1975 Conference remit.

Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries - re Restricted Zone Coromandel

The Ministry advised that it was not necessary to review announcements about Restricted Zones as the Gazette Notice declaring such zones continued until revoked. The Ministry also advised that the vacancy on the Apiaries Advisory Committee would be filled in due course. - Received and Noted

West Coast Branch) (two letters)
South Canterbury Branch)

The Correspondence received from these above branches arrived subsequent to the holding of the Special Meeting: the subject matter in each case related to the proposed new rules.

It was resolved:

"THAT THE SOUTH CANTERBURY BRANCH BE THANKED FOR RAISING THE TECHNICAL POINT RELATING TO THE NOTICE TIME APPLYING TO SPECIAL MEETINGS."

Outward Letter to Hon. Minister of Agriculture

re Short and long term policies for the beekeeping industry. A General paper was submitted in support.

The correspondence arose as a consequence of an interview the President and General Secretary had with the Minister on 23 January 1976.

It was decided to defer for consideration later in the meeting the possible approaches that could be followed in the matter.

Agricultural Chemicals Board

Palmerston North open meeting 18 February. It was noted that it had not been convenient for an Executive member to be present.

Mr A. W. Bennett

Re membership subscription. The General Secretary's reply was tabled and confirmed.

Apiary Advisory Committee Membership

Resolved:-

"THAT A LETTER BE FORWARDED TO THE HON. MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE EXPRESSING CONCERN THAT MR ROBINSON'S APPOINTMENT WHICH HAD BEEN NOTIFIED TO THE ASSOCIATION IN OCTOBER 1975 HAD NOT BEEN CONFIRMED AND THAT MEETINGS OF THE COMMITTEE HAD BEEN SAID TO HAVE BEEN HELD SUBSEQUENT TO THAT DATE."

Standard Cables and Telephones

Mr A. Kirkham re plastic hive frames.

Mr Kirkham attended the meeting at 3 p.m. and discussed the plastic frames being offered by his company with Executive during the afternoon tea break.

Gatton College Queensland

re Beekeeping course December 5 - 11 1976 received.

Mr G. M. Walton - Regional Representative Bee Research Association

Advancing proposals for a combined approach for beekeepers wishing to attend the Apimondia Congress in Adelaide in October 1977.

Resolved:-

"THAT THE ASSOCIATION AGREE IN PRINCIPLE WITH THE SUGGESTIONS ADVANCED BY MR WALTON AND THAT IT BE LEFT TO THE GENERAL SECRETARY TO CONFER WITH MR WALTON AND REPORT BACK."

It was the consensus of opinion that a group tour period of 10 days would be the one likely to receive most support.

Outward to Hon. Minister of Agriculture

re Disastrous Honey Production Season.

The letter sent to the Minister as well as the Government Press release setting out the loan assistance that would be available to beekeepers were tabled.

It was duly resolved:

- 1) "THAT THE ACTION TAKEN BY THE GENERAL SECRETARY IN ATTENDING THE GENERAL MEETING CONVENED BY THE WAIKATO BRANCH AND PREPARING THE SUBMISSION TO GOVERNMENT BE CONFIRMED."
- 2) "THAT A LETTER BE FORWARDED TO THE UNDER-SECRETARY FOR AGRICULTURE MR J. H. BOLGER THANKING HIM AND GOVERNMENT FOR THE ASSISTANCE GIVEN THE INDUSTRY IN THE MATTER."

(Minute Note:

It was also noted that the Editor should draw to the attention of beekeepers the need to maintain soundly based accounting and budgeting procedures which were invaluable when loan monies were being sought.)

It was further resolved:

"THAT THE GENERAL SECRETARY OBTAIN A COPY OF THE CHATTELS AND SECURITY ACT AND THAT THE COPY BE TABLED AT THE JULY MEETING."

Waikato Branch

Requesting that the thanks of the Association be extended to the Ministry of Agriculture for the course held at Flock House. The Executive concurred.

Auckland Beekeepers Club)
Wellington Beekeepers Club) Newsletters

Referred to Editor.

Honey Marketing Authority

Advising revised prices for scales - increased from \$383 to \$402. 15 received.

Minister of Transport
Minister of Agriculture

Replying to Associations request for relief from increased petrol prices.

The Ministers advised that the matter would be considered within the general farming assistance policies at 1976 budget time - received and referred to Editor.

Circular Letter from General Secretary to Executive

Re Presidents Meeting with Minister and also attaching a copy of the paper submitted in support of an increase in the Base Price for Honey - see later minute.

Southland Branch - re Tours by Overseas Beekeepers

Resolved:-

"THAT IT BE RECOMMENDED TO BRANCHES THAT WHEN CONCERNED WITH OR INVOLVED IN THE ORGANISATION OF ITINERARIES FOR OVERSEAS VISITORS THESE BE CHANNELLED THROUGH HEAD OFFICE AND AT THE VERY LEAST THE GENERAL SECRETARY BE KEPT INFORMED OF THE ARRANGEMENTS BEING MADE."

Mr J. W. Broadley - Paeroa

Re Administrative procedures followed by Apiaries Advisory Committee
Mr Broadley complained that he had not been able to secure an appointment with the Committee and also that a meeting of all the interested parties be convened.

Resolved:-

- 1) "THAT A COPY OF MR BROADLEY'S LETTER BE ATTACHED TO THE LETTER TO BE SENT TO THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND THAT IT BE SUGGESTED THAT IT WOULD SEEM DESIRABLE FOR THE COMMITTEE TO BE ADMINISTERED AND SERVICED BY THE HAMILTON OFFICE OF THE MINISTRY."
- 2) "THAT THE GENERAL SECRETARY WRITE TO MR BROADLEY AND ASK IF COPIES OF RELEVANT LETTERS COULD BE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE EXECUTIVE."

DISCUSSION WITH MESSRS IAN FORBES AND E. SMAELLIE
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES

The President in welcoming Messrs Forbes and Smaellie thanked them for making themselves available and he said it gave him pleasure to congratulate Mr Forbes on his new appointment and all would wish him a successful term in his new post.

Mr Forbes returned thanks and said he would be glad to work with Association in furthering the interests of the beekeeping industry.

The following topics were then raised and discussed.

1) Honey Export Regulations - Revision and updating

Mr Smaellie advised that one of the points of concern was the definition to be applied to honey and honey dew. The D. S. I. R. had not so far been able to suggest a convenient supporting analysis. The intention now was to examine a more simple approach.

2) Membership Apiaries Advisory Committee

The question of a replacement for the late Mr Forsyth was raised and Mr Forbes indicated the matter was in hand.

The question of Mr Robinson not being invited to attend Committee meetings drew the response that his appointment had not been gazetted and the reasons for the delay were not forthcoming - (refer earlier minute)

3) Booklet - N. Z. Beekeeping

The Executive expressed pleasure at its availability. Mr Smaellie advised that a new booklet would be produced in due course - publication date was expected to be about five years hence.

4) Research into Sugar Feeding

It was noted that a good deal of Research material was available and Mr Forbes undertook to have this assembled and made available.

5) Replacement of Apiary Advisory Officers

Mr Forbes reported that all aspects of Government expenditure was under close scrutiny and some changes in current servicing arrangements could well prove necessary.

The wider use of part time officers was one possibility that would need to be further examined.

6) Queen Rearing Courses and the Like

The Ministry Officers advised that it was policy to offer such courses and it was the intention to continue especially as farming education was a strong feature of Government policy.

7) Dominion Seminar - 1977

Mr Smaellie indicated that thought was being given to sponsoring the seminar just prior to or following Apimondia in October 1977. The Seminar was scheduled for the South Island but no venue had been set.

The timing of the Seminar was debated at some length, it was the view of some members that it may not be satisfactory to have the seminar in October 1977 because of the double commitment many beekeepers would have.

The disinability of running it in with the Conference found favour and it was agreed this approach should be studied further.

8) Schedule of Past Publications

Mr Forbes undertook to make a schedule available in due course.

Messrs Forbes and Smaellie then left the meeting.

PROPOSED NEW RULES FOR THE ASSOCIATION - SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING

The Executive noted that acting on the advice of the Association's Solicitor the special meeting held on 24 March 1976 was unable to pass a resolution adopting the proposed new rules. The point raised was a technical one but none-the-less had to be recognised.

The 24 March meeting had been able to consider and amend the draft presented to the meeting and a schedule of these amendments had been prepared by the Solicitor together with a fresh special meeting notice.

It was duly resolved:-

- 1) "THAT THE NOTICE CONVENING A FURTHER SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATION BE SENT BY POST TO ALL MEMBERS RECORDED ON THE MEMBERSHIP SCHEDULE AT THE DATE OF THE MAILING OF THE NOTICES."
- 2) "THAT THE NOTICE PROVIDE BACKGROUND TO THE NEED TO CONVENE ANOTHER SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING."
- 3) "THAT THE SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING BE HELD IN THE ASSOCIATION'S OFFICES, WELLINGTON ON FRIDAY 14 MAY 1976 at 1 P.M."

ANNUAL ACCOUNTS FOR PERIOD ENDED 31 DECEMBER 1975 - BALANCE DATE

In attendance Mr C. J. Read Accountant.

Draft accounts and balance sheet for the financial period ended 31 December 1975 were presented and elaborated upon by Mr Read. Following questions from members it was resolved:-

"THAT THE DRAFT ACCOUNTS COVERING THE FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES OF THE ASSOCIATION FOR THE EIGHT MONTH PERIOD ENDING 31 DECEMBER 1975 BE RECEIVED AND ADOPTED AND THAT THEY BE SUBMITTED TO AUDIT ACCORDINGLY."

re Library Account

Mr Read suggested that it could be more convenient to all those concerned if the separate Library Post Office Account were closed and the Committee given a maximum spending allocation with the payments being effected by Head Office.

It was agreed that up to \$200 could be placed on allocation and it was left to Mr McKenzie to discuss with the Committee and report back.

ACCOUNTS PAID IN FEBRILY AND MARCH 1976

(No accounts were paid in January 1976)

The following schedule was presented, approved and confirmed.

February 1976

Cheque numbers 998 to 999
and 479,000 to 497,002
Totalling \$2,454.61

March 1976

Cheque numbers 497,003 to 497,007
Totalling \$905.22

FEDERATED FARMERS

The President reported on his attendance at the February meeting of Dominion Council and in particular on the question of Federation income based on live stock levies. There had been a proposal advanced for a levy to be struck on all farm produce.

The President in summing up his attendance at the meeting said he felt it had been worthwhile from an Industry point of view.

It was duly resolved:-

"THAT THE PRESIDENTS REPORT BE RECEIVED."

EXPORTS BY PRIVATE PACKERS

The Executive consideration of the subject was based on a letter under date of 22 March 1976 received from the Honey Marketing Authority and also on Remit No. 19 passed at the 1975 conference.

The Authority in its letter sought Association opinion on a series of criteria it felt should attach to private packer exports.

These were considered in the order set down in the letter.

- 1) This clause was a broad statement of policy objective in which the Executive concurred.
- 2) This clause suggested that consignments be 10 tonnes.

The Executive considered that the quantity should be up to 10 tonnes per shipment or consignment. It was noted and supported that consignments be in the form of retail packs only.

- 3) Lodgement of Applications and details related thereto.

The Executive while recognising that a period of 30 days could be necessary felt that a lesser time scale could well be appropriate.

- 4) Re selling prices. The Executive considered that all quotations and/or negotiations should be subject to H.M.A. approval.
- 5) Re supply of Bills of Lading etc - concur.
- 6) Re Advice on sales proceeds - concur.

The following additional points were agreed by Executive for forwarding to the Authority.

- a) That each Private Exporter be required to establish a Bond with the Authority in support of compliance with the conditions laid down - a figure around \$200 could be appropriate.
- b) That a H.M.A. administration fee be charged for each application. This is considered desirable to ensure that the non-exporting suppliers are not meeting costs on honey not the property of the Authority.
- c) That consignment, date and origin codes be affixed to each honey container to ensure that it can be checked back should the need arise.
- d) That the packs used be subject to H.M.A. approval so as to ensure the protection of the name of New Zealand honey in export markets.
- e) That an export levy on all honey exported by private packers under this general arrangement be subject to a Stabilisation levy assessed on an adjustable percentage scale.

This is considered basic to the whole proposal so long as a honey price payout ceiling applies to honey supplied to the authority. The intention is that the proceeds of the exports levy would be credited to the Stabilisation fund.

- f) That permits to export be confined to Commercial members of the Association i.e. the payers of Hive Levy.
- g) The Executive Committee does not consider the Licensing of Private Packers to be necessary - the suggested Bond system should suffice.

Broader Aspects of Honey Exports

Mr Berry in raising the question said there would be general acceptance that honey price stabilisation should remain a pre-requisite and be accepted a Base Pricing factor. He also raised the question of small export consignments of bulk honey by private packers and suggested a number of ways in which this concept might be approached.

The Executive debated the broad issues involved at length and finally it was moved:-

- 1) "THAT THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CONFINE ITS REPLY TO THE AUTHORITY WITHIN THE TERMS OF REMIT NO. 19 PASSED AT THE 1975 CONFERENCE."

Stuckey/Berry
Carried

- 2) It was further resolved:-

"THAT THE EXECUTIVE ALSO POINT OUT TO THE AUTHORITY THAT IN ITS VIEW THE CONSEQUENTIAL EFFECTS AND REQUIREMENTS IN RESPECT OF FUTURE HONEY MARKETING AND STABILISATION POLICIES INDICATES THAT MUCH DEEPER STUDY OF THE QUESTION WOULD APPEAR DESIRABLE AND NECESSARY: ACCORDINGLY IT IS PROPOSED TO INCLUDE THIS RESOLUTION ON THE AGENDA OF THE PROPOSED JULY JOINT MEETING OF THE TWO BODIES."

THE BEEKEEPER

In Attendance the Editor Mr Trevor Walton.

The Executive reviewed with Mr Walton various aspects of the journal production.

The Executive resolved:-

"THAT IT PLACE ON RECORD ITS COMPLETE CONFIDENCE IN THE EDITOR AND THAT IT CONGRATULATE HIM ON THE QUALITY CONTENT AND PRESENTATION OF BEEKEEPER."

Members indicated that they had received many complimentary comments and the great majority of members seemed well pleased with their journal

The matters arising included:-

1) Dead Line Dates

Resolved:-

"THAT A REMINDER CIRCULAR BE SENT TO BRANCHES".

It was noted that more Branch notes were needed.

2) Beginners Notes

The editor reported that he now had several people who had indicated their interest in writing beginners notes but had not so far made a selection.

Resolved:-

"THAT THE EDITOR BE AUTHORISED TO MAKE A SELECTION."

3) Schedule of Honey Prices

It was decided to request the Editor to publish a schedule of prices being charged - the basis to be ex apairy in 2 kg packs.

1976 CONFERENCE - TAUPO

Mr Robinson reported on the preliminary arrangements being made and advised that he would be visiting Taupo shortly to settle details. A caterer had been booked as had the hall and hotel.

The following matters were then settled:

1) Dates and Principal Business Days

Monday July 26th 9.30 a.m. Executive Meeting.

Tuesday July 27 9 a.m. to Midday Joint Meeting NBA/HMA

" " 1.30 p.m. Executive Meeting.

" " 7.30 p.m. Informal social get together.

Wednesday July 28 9.30 a.m. Welcome to Delegates and members and Official opening of Conference by His Worship the Mayor of Taupo.

Thursday 29 July 9.30 a.m. Conference continues.
Evening - Social function

Friday 30 July 9 - 12 Noon Final Conference Session.
" " 1.30 p.m. - 5 p.m. Executive Meeting.

2) Address by Hon. Minister of Agriculture

Referred to General Secretary for attention.

3) Invitations to Ministry Staff

That Messrs Ian Forbes, G. Walton, P. Clinch and E. Smaellie be invited to attend conference.

4) Invitation to Chairman and General Manager Honey Marketing Authority

That an invitation to Conference be extended to the Chairman and General Manager of the Authority.

5) Closing Date for Branch Remits

Remits from Branches to be in the hands of General Secretary by 5 p.m. Friday 4 June 1976.

GOVERNMENT POLICY TOWARDS INDUSTRY

The President in introducing the question advised that the Minister had requested that the Association give thought to the areas where it considered government policies could be directed in promoting the industry and maximising its role in agriculture.

After full discussion and consideration it was resolved that the following series of questions be put to branches for consideration and reply.

- 1) The Principal areas available for further development via beekeeping in the Branch district.
- 2) That factors inhibiting development of beekeeping in the Branch district.
- 3) The Principal factors limiting the viability of commercial beekeeping.
- 4) Detail any special sectors where government assistance in appropriate manner could benefit the industry.
- 5) Is a continuing honey price smoothing policy seen as being a basic factor in the economic welfare of the industry.
- 6) Should Water Boards/Catchment Boards/Counties/Farmers be given special incentives via subsidy or tax concession to forestate with suitable pollen or nectar bearing trees (please give examples)

BASE PRICE FOR HONEY 1976

A copy of the letter under date of 13 March 1976 sent by the Minister of Agriculture to the Chairman of the Honey Marketing Authority authorising a basic increase in the Base Price for honey of 3 cents a lb (from 54 cents to 57 cents) was tabled.

In discussing the matter the Executive noted with pleasure that the cost increases advised to the Minister had been recognised at least in part. The view of the Executive remained that a near end of year discussion should be held with the Authority in order that a composite submission on honey price could be developed and so ensure an earlier announcement.

It was duly resolved:

"THAT THE LETTER BE RECEIVED."

LOCAL MARKET HONEY MARKETING

The general topic was introduced by the President and subsequently debated by members. The debate ranged over a wide number of topics related to the question and concluded by the following motion being resolved:-

- 1) "THAT IT BE RECORDED THAT THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE DISCUSSED IN GENERAL TERMS THE LOCAL MARKET HONEY SITUATION AND FORMED THE VIEW THAT BOTH BEEKEEPERS AND PACKERS SHOULD EXAMINE THEIR HONEY PRICING POLICIES SO AS TO ACHIEVE A HIGHER RETURN FROM LOCAL SALES: IN GENERAL IT WOULD SEEM THAT "AT GATE" PRICES COULD BE SIGNIFICANTLY INCREASED WITHOUT DETRIMENT TO SALES."
- 2) "THAT THE ASSOCIATION SEEK FROM THE H. M. A. A DETAILED ANALYSIS OF LAST YEAR'S PROCESSING AND PACKING COSTS AS THESE APPLIED TO BOTH THE LOCAL AND EXPORT MARKET SALES."

Stuckey/Berry
Carried

ANNUAL REPORT TO 31/12/75

A draft of the General Secretary's Report for the period ended 31 December 1975 was tabled for the information and comment of members.

POLICY ATTITUDE ON RESTRICTED ZONES RESULTING FROM TUTU TOXIN IN HONEY

The Executive in considering the several questions relating to the broad issue of Restricted Zones considered it desirable to set down in resolution form its policy attitude for the benefit of the Associations representative on the Apiaries Advisory Committee Mr Ray Robinson.

It was accordingly moved:-

- 1) "THAT IT BE RECORDED THAT IT BE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE POLICY THAT ANY RESTRICTIONS IMPOSED BE REASONABLE AND CONSISTENT WITH THE PROTECTION OF PUBLIC HEALTH."
- 2) "THAT THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE DOES NOT SUPPORT THE PRODUCTION OF COMB HONEY IN RESTRICTED ZONES DURING THE RISK PERIODS."
- 3) "THAT IT IS NOT SATISFIED AT PRESENT THAT THE INCLUSION OF EXTRACTED HONEY IN THE RESTRICTION IS JUSTIFIED OR NECESSARY."
- 4) "THAT AREAS INCLUDED IN RESTRICTED ZONES FOR BEEKEEPING SHOULD BE MORE PRECISELY DEFINED."

1976 HONEY MARKETING AUTHORITY ELECTIONS FOR PRODUCER MEMBERS
APPOINTMENT OF RETURNING OFFICER

In accordance with the provisions of the Honey Marketing Regulations 1975 the Association is required to appoint a Returning Officer for the election.

Resolved:

"THAT THE GENERAL SECRETARY, G. A. BEARD BE APPOINTED RETURNING OFFICER FOR THE 1976 ELECTION OF PRODUCER MEMBERS TO THE HONEY MARKETING AUTHORITY."

GENERAL BUSINESS

1) Dumping of Imported Honey

Mr Stuckey reported that it had come to his notice that imported honey/pollen had been dumped in Auckland and in a situation that exposed the product to bees. He enquired of the possible disease risk.

Resolved:-

"THAT AN ENQUIRY BE ADDRESSED TO THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES."

2) Capitation Allowance to Branches

The General Secretary advised that a summary of Branch Accounts as at 31/12/75 would be available by the May meeting: this would allow the capitation allowance to be settled at that time - Noted.

3) Re List of Hive Levy Payers

Resolved:

"THAT IF NECESSARY A WRITTEN REQUEST FOR A LIST OF THOSE BEEKEEPERS WHO HAVE PAID HIVE LEVY (OR HAVE ENTERED INTO DEFERRED PAYMENT ARRANGEMENTS) BE MADE TO THE HONEY MARKETING AUTHORITY."

4) Retirement Mr Eric Smaellie

It was reported to the Executive that Mr Smaellie could be retiring shortly after conference and the question of the Association marking the occasion was discussed.

It was resolved:-

"THAT THE GENERAL SECRETARY CHECK THE POSITION AND IF MR SMAELLIE IS TO RETIRE THIS YEAR THE EXECUTIVE OPEN A PRESENTATION FUND AND INVITE BRANCH PARTICIPATION."

5) May 14th Special General Meeting Notice and Schedule of Amendments to proposed Rules ad agreed by March 24th 1976 Special Meeting

The above papers were received from the Association's solicitor Mr M. Hardie-Boys and made available to Executive members.

The Special meeting notice is expected to be mailed to members on or about the 31st March.

The Schedule of amendments to draft rules will be circulated about the same date to Branches.

NEXT MEETING

It was resolved:-

"THAT THE NEXT MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE BE HELD IN WELLINGTON ON FRIDAY 14 MAY 1976 COMMENCING AT 9.45 A.M."

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 3.10 p.m.

J. O'Connor
14.5.76

NATIONAL BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION (INC.)

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE NATIONAL BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION (INC.) HELD IN THE MANCHESTER UNITY MEETING ROOM, LAMBTON QUAY, WELLINGTON ON WEDNESDAY THE 24th MARCH 1976 COMMENCING AT 10.30 a.m.

PRESENT

Messrs	I. J. Dickinson E. R. Robinson W. A. Clissold J. G. McKenzie	Delegate Otago Branch (In Chair) Delegate Waikato Branch Delegate Southland Branch Delegate South Canterbury Branch, and Canterbury Branch <i>& Nishson</i> .
	P. Marshall W. J. C. Ashcroft M. G. Stuckey P. Berry T. Gavin E. Roberts D. Gibbons	Delegate Hawkes Bay Branch Delegate Havelock North Branch Delegate Auckland Branch. Delegate Havelock North Branch Delegate Northland Branch Delegate South Western Districts Branch Delegate South Western Districts Branch

ALSO PRESENT

Mr M. Hardie Boys, Association Solicitor
Mr G. A. Beard, General Secretary.

WELCOME TO THOSE PRESENT

The President extended a welcome to those present and especially those members who had travelled long distances to be in attendance.

NOTICE OF SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING

Mr McKenzie in his capacity as delegate representing the South Canterbury Branch advised that the Branch had resolved to contest the point that 30 days notice had been given to all members as required under the present rules.

The President reported to the meeting that the notice had been placed in the March issue of Beekeeper which members would have received early in March: further Branch Secretaries had received a copy of the notice very early in February.

The question was raised by Mr Ashcroft as to who in fact were members.

The President then invited Mr Hardie Boys to give an opinion on the point: Mr Hardie-Boys then pointed out that as the adequacy of notice had been questioned and action threatened there was little that could be done and it would have to be accepted that this special meeting could not adopt the proposed new rules.

The President thereupon ruled:-

"THAT NO MOTION TO ADOPT THE NEW RULES
WOULD BE PUT TO THE MARCH 24 SPECIAL
MEETING AS HAD BEEN INTENDED."

The President in ruling observed that the cost to Association in giving notice of and holding another special general meeting would be substantial.

The meeting then proceeded to consider the various suggestions received from Branches in respect of the proposed new rules and the following is a schedule of the Amendments agreed to.

The meeting divided on only two fundamental matters namely:-

- a) Whether the election of the Executive should be on a postal ballot basis and
- b) When it should be competent for the Annual Meeting and/or Conference to direct the Executive to take some defined action as expressed in the form of a remit or resolution.

The Noting in each case strongly supported the proposals as outlined in the Draft Rules.

The schedule of amendments agreed by the meeting are as follows:-

1. Rule 2

- (i) Replace definition of "hive levy" with the following:
"Hive Levy" means the annual levy payable by producers to the Honey Marketing Authority in accordance with the Regulations.
- (ii) Add new definition:
"The Regulations" means the Honey Marketing Authority Regulations 1975, or any regulations in amendment or substitution therefor

2. Rule 4(h)

Delete "lend and/or."

3. Rule 4 (l)

Amend "Institute" to "Association".

4. Rule 5 (a)

Replace with the following:

There shall be three categories of membership, namely

- (i) Ordinary Members;
- (ii) Commercial Members;
- (iii) Life Members.

5. Rule 6(a) (i)

Replace with the following:

Ordinary membership shall be open to:

- (i) Any beekeeper whose apiary is registered under the Apairies Act 1969, but who is not liable to pay a hive levy.

6. Rule 10

- (i) Amend heading to read:

Termination and Restriction of Membership Rights.

- (ii) In the second-to-last line of paragraph (a) amend "suspension" to "restriction".

- (iii) Replace paragraph (c) with the following:

A commercial member shall cease to be a member if he dies or ceases to be qualified or if the Executive is satisfied that he has failed to pay the hive levy as and when due.

7. Rule 13

Replace with the following:

The President and Vice-President shall be elected at the Annual Meeting of the Association from the six numbers of the Executive elected in accordance with Rule 14. Should there be an equality of votes, the result shall be decided by lot. Those elected shall take office immediately upon their election.

8. Rule 14

(i) Replace paragraph (e) with the following:

For the purposes of the election an ordinary member shall have two votes and a commercial member shall have one vote for each 25 hives or part thereof on which hive levy for the current year has been paid with a maximum of 100 votes. Hive levy shall be deemed to have been paid for the purposes of this Rule if payment thereof has been deferred by the Authority in accordance with the Regulations.

(ii) Add to paragraph (g):

... or on the requisition of four members of the Executive.

9. Rule 16

(i) Add new subparagraph (b) (vii) as follows:

To elect the President and Vice-President.

(ii) Consequentially renumber subparagraphs (vii) (vii) and (ix) to become (viii) (ix) and (x); also in the proviso renumber (viii) and (ix) and (x).

(iii) In paragraph (c) replace the word "poll" with the words "show of hands or secret ballot".

(iv) Replace paragraph (d) with the following:

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the President or the Executive or the Annual Meeting may at any time refer any question to the Conference of Branch Delegates.

10. Rule 17

(i) In subparagraph (f) (i) delete the words "remit in".

(ii) Add to the end of paragraph (f) the following:

The votes cast by each delegate shall be displayed to the Conference.

11. Rule 18.

Add new paragraph (d) as follows:

Voting at Special Meetings shall be by Branch Delegates and in accordance with the provisions of paragraphs (e) and (f) of Rule 17.

12. Rule 19

Replace with the following:

The quorum for an Annual Meeting shall be 20 members and the quorum for a Special Meeting and for the Conference of Branch Delegates shall be Delegates representing half of the Branches of the Association.

13. Rule 20 (a)

Amend "14 days' notice" to "21 days' notice" in both places.

14. Rule 21 (a)

Amend "may" to "shall"

15. Rule 22

- (i) In paragraph (a) delete "special or".
- (ii) Insert after the words "Conference of Branch Delegates" the following;
and to any Special Meeting of the Association.

16. Rule 23 (a)

Replace with the following:

Except in the case of a particular trust approved by the Executive, all money and other property acquired or held by a Branch shall belong to the Association.

17. Rule 24 (c)

Replace with the following:

At Branch meetings each member of the Branch present in person or by proxy shall have one vote except that on a poll or any remit to the Conference of Branch Delegates or any business for consideration at a Special Meeting members shall have the same voting entitlement as under Rule 14 (e).

18. Rule 25 (b)

Replace with the following:

All postal polls shall be conducted by the Executive Secretary and the result thereof shall, as soon as practicable after the poll has been taken, be notified by him to the membership of the Association by an entry in an issue of the Association's journal.

19. Rule 27

- (i) In paragraph (a) delete "Annual or"
- (ii) In paragraph (b) amend "General to "Special"

PROCEDURE TO BE FOLLOWED IN ADOPTION OF NEW RULES

The meeting noted that a notice convening a further special general meeting would be mailed to all on the membership list including those who paid Hive Levy in 1975 close to the 31st March 1976 and that the Special meeting would be held in Mid May.

It was further noted that an explanatory note would be embodied in the Special Meeting notice a more general circular would be issued to branches.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 5. 10 p. m.

McLennan
101.5.76

NATIONAL BEE KEEPERS' ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE NATIONAL BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION HELD IN THE ASSOCIATION'S OFFICES, WILLIAMS BUILDING, WELLINGTON ON FRIDAY THE 14TH MAY 1976 COMMENCING AT 10.15 A.M.

PRESENT

Messrs I. J. Dickinson (in Chair)

P. Berry, M. Stuckey, G. McKenzie,
A. Clissold and E. R. Robinson (from 10.50 A.M.)

ALSO PRESENT - G. A. Beard - General Secretary.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 24/25/26 March 1976 having been circulated were taken as read and confirmed on the motion of Messrs McKenzie/Clissold.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

1) Re Library Committee

Mr McKenzie reported that it had not been possible to arrange a Committee meeting. It was agreed that Mr McKenzie would arrange for the annual report of the Library Committee to be available prior to Conference.

2) 1976 Capitation Allowance to Branches

A number of Annual Accounts for Branches were tabled - all showed quite substantial credit balances.

It was duly moved

"THAT THE 1976 CAPITATION ALLOWANCE TO BRANCHES BE AT THE RATE OF 25 CENTS FOR ORDINARY MEMBERS AND .25 OF A CENT PER HIVE FOR COMMERCIAL MEMBERS."

Stuckey/McKenzie. - Carried

CORRESPONDENCE

Chattels Act - The copies obtained at the request of Executive were tabled and referred to Mr McKenzie for study and report to the July meeting.

Outward to Mr Iain Forbes re 1977 Seminar

The General Secretary advised that he had discussed the matter with Mr Forbes.

After discussing the various alternatives available it was moved

- 1) "THAT THE EXECUTIVE RECOMMEND TO CONFERENCE THAT IT FAVOURS THE CONCEPT OF A COMBINED CONFERENCE/SEMINAR WEEK. AND THAT THIS ARRANGEMENT APPLY FROM 1977."
- 2) THAT AN EXECUTIVE REMIT BE PRESENTED TO CONFERENCE RECOMMENDING THAT CONFERENCE REVIEWS ALTERNATE BETWEEN CHRISTCHURCH AND PALMERSTON NORTH IN THE INTERESTS OF COSTS AND PERSONNEL LIKELY TO BE CONCERNED WITH SEMINARS."

Mr Chairman/Robinson. - Carried

(Minute Note: It was accepted that an Association grant-in-aid would probably need to be made to the host branches.)

Outward to Mr Iain Forbes - Ministry of Agriculture - re discussing of imported honey - reply awaited.

Outward to General Manager H. M. A. - re exports by Private Packers. Mr Wicht in acknowledging receipt of the Association's views advised that they had been circulated to Authority members. noted

Outward to Mr J. H. Bolger - thanking him for assistance given in dealing with disastrous Honey Crop situation in Waikato. - confirmed

Outward to Director - General of Agriculture requesting that Honey Export Regulations be updated - reply awaited

Outward to Mr G. Walton re Apimondia 1977 - Adelaide.

Resolved

THAT THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE SEEK FROM CONFERENCE A MEASURE OF THE LIKELY SUPPORT FOR A GROUP TOUR TO THE ADELAIDE APIMONDIA CONGRESS IN OCTOBER 1977."

Outward to Otago Branch - re disease carried by Wasps - reply awaited.

Department of Trade & Industry - application to have Propolis and pollen included in Export Incentive Scheme.

The General Secretary advised that the Department had informed him the previous day that the application was likely to receive favourable endorsement - a decision could be expected within a couple of months. - noted

Minister of Agriculture - advising the appointment of Messrs Iain Forbes (Chairman), E. R. Robinson and J. D. Lorimer to the Apiaries Advisory Committee (Note: Mr D. Barrow is also a member). - received

Head Office Circular to Branches - 7 April received

Hawkes Bay Branch - re areas of industry activity that Government policies could be of help - received and referred to July meeting for consideration with other branch submissions.

H. M. A. advising that Hive Levy Payers would be progressively advised - received

Mr Iain Forbes Ministry of Agriculture advising that research papers as requested would be forwarded by Mr G. Walton and that an article written by Mr Reid Christchurch would be sent to the Editor. - received and noted

Mr Iain Forbes - re Seminars around the Apimondia dates - September/October 1977. The suggestion was advanced that regional seminars could be much more suitable.

The Executive expressed its general agreement with the concept of regional seminars.

Comvita Laboratories Ltd advancing the suggestion that the eradication of tutu could be a job that labour could be employed on under the Unemployed Labour schemes.

Resolved

"THAT THE PROPOSAL BE REFERRED TO THE MINISTER OF LABOUR FOR FAVOURABLE CONSIDERATION."

Department of Health re Codex standard for Honey.

Moved

"THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH BE ADVISED THAT THE ASSOCIATION WOULD FAVOUR AND SUPPORT THE DEFINITION OF HONEY AS SET OUT IN THE 1973 FOOD AND DRUG REGULATIONS."

Mr Chairman/Struckey. - carried

The meeting adjourned at 12.5 P.M. until 3.15 P.M. to enable members to attend the Special General Meeting.

Correspondence - Continued

Mr T. J. L. Broadley, Thames re Apiaries Advisory Committee. Mr Broadley made available copies of a series of letters on the subject.

It was duly resolved:

"THAT THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE SUGGEST TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE APIARIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE THAT THE COMMITTEE RECEIVE MR BROADLEY AT ITS NEXT MEETING."

Executive Committee Election 1976

Arising from the adoption of the new Rules the General Secretary sought Executive Committee confirmation of the timetable and procedures to be followed.

- 1) Nomination Forms - to be mailed to all members in the week 17-21 May 1976. (Note: Additional nomination forms will be posted to all Branches.)
- 2) Nominations to close 5 P.M. Wednesday 16 June. (The nominations must be posted so as to be in the hands of the Returning Officer by the date and time above.)
- 3) Voting Papers to be mailed to members in the week ending Friday 25 June 1976.
- 4) Last date and time for voting papers to be received by the Returning Officer to be 5 P.M. Friday 16 July 1976.

5) Vote Counting

The Returning Officer will commence the voting count in the Association's Office at 9 A.M. Monday 19th July 1976.

- 6) Scrutineers Any Candidate may appoint a scrutineer - such appointment must be advised in writing to the Returning Officer, before the Voting Counting is due to begin.

7) Nomination Form

The Nomination Form as tabled was confirmed as being suitable.

8) Availability of Present Executive Members for re-election

All Executive members with the exception of the President Mr Ivan Dickinson expressed their intention to seek re-election.

Mr Dickinson advised that for personnel reasons he was uncertain at this stage whether he would seek re-election.

CONFERENCE ARRANGEMENTS

1) Joint Meeting with H. M. A. 1.30 P. M. 27 July

The Executive was of the view that it would be more satisfactory if the joint meeting could be under independent chairmanship.

Resolved

"THAT MR BERRY DISCUSS THE MATTER WITH THE AUTHORITY AND ADVISE THE PRESIDENT ACCORDINGLY."

2) Executive Committee Meetings

First day meeting, that is Monday 26 July to commence 10.30 A. M.

3) Reports to Conference

General Secretary to request a report from Mr J. W. Fraser

4) General Conference Arrangements - Waikato Branch

Mr Robinson reported on the arrangements made by the Waikato Branch - it was noted that there would be a registration fee and that a dinner was being planned for the Thursday evening.

The details were handed to the Editor of Beekeeper.

The President thanked Mr Robinson for the conference arrangements being organised by the Waikato Branch.

GENERAL BUSINESS

1) Ex Waikato Branch re supply of trees to Catchment Boards and Farmers.
Mr Robinson advised that his Branch considered that if trees for catchment and afforestation purposes could be supplied by a Government agency more suitable trees could be planted than was often the case at present.

2) Waikato Branch - re sale of diseased pines - left over for the Branch to supply more detailed information.

3) Beekeeper - June Issue

The Editor sought approval to increase the size by four pages in order to cater for the large amount of material available. - approved

NEXT MEETING

Resolved

"THAT THE NEXT MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE BE HELD IN THE LAKE VIEW HOTEL TAUPO ON MONDAY 26 JULY COMMENCING AT 10.30 A. M. AND CONTINUING ON TUESDAY THE 27 JULY AND FRIDAY THE 30 JULY 1976."

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 4.40 P. M.

*O'Connor
26.7.76*

NATIONAL BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE NATIONAL
BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION HELD IN THE ASSOCIATION'S OFFICES
WILLIAMS BUILDING WELLINGTON ON FRIDAY MAY 14TH COMMENCING
AT 1.00 P.M.

PRESENT

Mr I. J. Dickinson President in Chair

Mr I. J. Dickinson	delegate	Otago Branch
Mr P. Berry	"	South Western Branch
Mr M. Stuckey	"	Auckland Branch
Mr T. Gavin	"	Northern & Far North Branches
Mr G. McKenzie	"	North Otago, South Canterbury & Canterbury Branches
Mr P. Marshall	"	Hawkes Bay Branch
Mr A. Clissold	"	Southland Branch
Mr E. R. Robinson	"	Bay of Plenty & Waikato Branches
Mr G. A. Beard	"	Nelson Branch
Mr McPherson	member	Wellington

ALSO PRESENT

Messrs Hardie Boys - Association Solicitor and T. Walton Editor Beekeeper.

Minutes of Special General Meeting held on 24 March 1976

The minutes of the special general meeting held on 24 March 1976 having been circulated were with the following amendments viz

- 1) Nelson Branch added to Branches for whom Mr McKenzie acted as delegate.
- 2) Deletion of words "Delegate" and "Branch" opposite the listing of Mr Ashcroft's name.
- 3) Deletion of words "Delegate" and "Branch" opposite the listing of Mr P. Berry's name.

were taken as read and confirmed on the motion of Messrs Dickinson/Robinson.

Adoption of New Rules

Consolidated copies of the proposed new Rules were tabled and distributed to those present. This consolidated copy included the amendments as agreed at the 24 March 1976 special meeting which were subsequently circulated to all branches.

The meeting noted that the notice for the 14 May 1976 special meeting had been mailed to all members.

The President indicated he proposed to take the draft rules page by page.

The correspondence received from Branches was tabled and the points made therein were taken in with the appropriate Rule consideration.

- 1) Page No. 1 no amendment
- 2) Page No. 2 Clause 4. K. - Canterbury queried this Clause - Resolved that no action be taken to amend Clause 4. K.

Page No. 3 - no amendment.

Page No. 4 - Life Membership - discussed by no amendment moved.

Page 5 Clause 10 A

Mr McKenzie moved and Mr Marshall seconded that the clause be classified.

A motion that the Clause lie on the table was moved Messrs Robinson/McKenzie and carried.

Page 6 Clause 13

Mr McKenzie proposed that the original Clause wording providing for the Executive to elect the President and Vice President be substituted. Seconded Mr Chairman and host.

Page 7 Clause 14 J

The desirability of having election procedures defined were raised by Hawkes Bay and South Western.

It was moved Messrs Marshall/Berry that the following words be added to Clause 14 J.

"... and to prescribe procedures for the conduct of postal ballots and polls."

Carried

Page 8 - no amendment.

Page 9 - no amendment.

Page 10 - Clause 17 A

Canterbury Branch questioned this Clause and requested broadening by adding in members.

It was duly moved Messrs McKenzie/Stuckey that the following words be added to Clause 17 A.

"Other members of the Association may attend and speak at the Conference but may not vote."

Carried

Clause 17 D

Mr Marshall moved Mr Berry seconded that this clause be deleted.

The motion was lost.

Clause 17 E

Mr McKenzie presented the views of the Canterbury Branch on the Clause. Mr Chissold advised that the Southland branch was in support. A motion to amend Clause 17E was duly moved. Messrs McKenzie/Chissold and on being put was declared LOST.

Pages 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, & 17 - no amendment.

Clause 10 A

It was duly resolved that the matter be uplifted.

A motion moved Messrs McKenzie/Marshall that the Clause 10 A be deleted was Lost 3 Votes to 6 Votes.

Registration of New Rules

It was moved

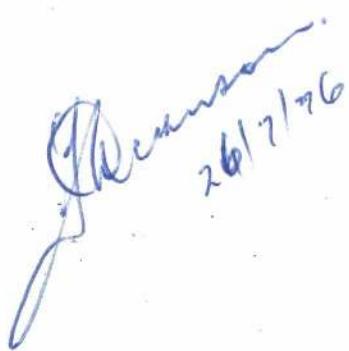
"THAT THE DRAFT RULES AS AMENDED BE ADOPTED AS THE RULES OF THE NATIONAL BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION (INC) TO REPLACE THE PRESENT RULES AND THE ASSOCIATION'S SOLICITOR BE REQUESTED TO REGISTER THE SAME AS SOON AS PRACTICABLE."

McKenzie/Robinson - Carried

Vote of Thanks

Mr Marshall said he would like to record his thanks and appreciation to the Executive Committee and Mr Hardie-Boys for the manner in which the drafting of the new Rules had been prepared and presented to membership.

There being no further business the special meeting was declared closed at 2.50 P. M.



Marshall
26/7/76

NATIONAL BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION OF NEW ZEALAND (INC.)

LIST OF CHEQUES PAID FOR APRIL/MAY/JUNE 1976

008	Pork Industry Council	1712.16	
9	A.P.A.	348.35	(March Beekeeper)
10	Hotel St George	336.35	(Ex. Expenses)
1	W.A. Clissold	47.40	(" ")
2	I.J. Dickinson	16.30	(" ")
3	G.J. McKenzie	60.15	(" ")
4	E.R. Robinson	26.98	(" ")
5	M.G. Stuckey	15.75	(" ")
6	Manchester Unity \$15 \$25 \$10	16.00	(Mtg Expenses)
7, 8, 9,	A.L. Kidson, D.A. Briscoe, M. Reid	50.00	
820	H.M.A.	9.90	
821	R.W. Bray	7.50	
022	I.J. Dickinson	25.00	(Honorarium)
3	" , "	7.50	"
4	" "	83.50	"
5	P.A.Y.E.	9.00	on 024
6	N.A.C.	700.00	Subs
7	H.M.A.	12.60	Levy handed on.
		<u>\$ 3484.44</u>	

LIST OF CHEQUES PAID FOR JULY 1976

028	N. Ryder Lewis	225.00	(Audit Fee)
9	I.J. Dickinson	195.02	
30	P. Berry	46.00	
1	W.A. Clissold	63.00	
2	G.J. McKenzie	26.00	
3	Woolshed	14.50	
4	A.P.A.	1002.45	
5	Copy Shoppe	25.68	(Stat)
6	J.A. McKay	14.25	"
7	Govt. Printer	1.00	
8	Addressograph	17.00	(Address. Plates)
9	Calculation Services	17.25	
40	Scott Hardie Boys	455.40	Rules
601	P.I.C.	1837.42	(Fees)
602 - 616	Branch Capitation	450.02	
		<u>\$ 4389.99</u>	

NATIONAL BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION OF NEW ZEALAND (INC.)

MINUTES OF THE 1976 ANNUAL MEETING AND CONFERENCE OF DELEGATES OF THE NATIONAL BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION (INC.) HELD IN SENIOR CITIZENS HALL, TAupo ON WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY AND FRIDAY THE 28TH, 29TH AND 30TH JULY 1976 COMMENCING AT 9 A.M. ON WEDNESDAY THE 28TH JULY 1976.

PRESENT:

The Vice President Mr P. Berry (in Chair), the Executive Committee members Messrs Stuckey, Robinson, McKenzie, Clissold; fifty members of the Association including the delegates of the fifteen branches of the Association.

ALSO PRESENT:

Mr Russell Poole, Chairman, and Mr Curtis Wicht, General Manager of the Honey Marketing Authority; Messrs Ian Forbes, E.A. Smaellie, P. Clinch, D. Hayman, and G. Walton, Ministry of Agriculture; Mr Trevor Walton, Editor "Beekeeper" and G.A. Beard, Executive Secretary. There were also present other visitors and representatives of the Press, Radio and T.V.

OPENING PRAYER:

The Chairman read the Opening Prayer to Conference.

WELCOME TO MEMBERS, DELEGATES AND VISITORS:

The Chairman extended a warm welcome to all present and expressed the hope that everyone would participate in the Conference both businesswise and socially. The host branch had organised a good programme and he was sure all would take away happy memories of the 1976 Taupo Conference.

WELCOME TO TAUPO:

His Worship the Mayor of Taupo, Mr Clem Currie thanked the Association for deciding upon Taupo as their Conference venue and expressed the hope that all attending would take full opportunity to visit the tourist attractions of the Taupo area. During the course of his address Mayor Currie referred to the growth of Taupo and its growing importance in agricultural terms. He also referred to the apparent lack of consumer promotion of honey on the local market and commended the Conference to look at this aspect of their industry.

Mayor Currie concluded by wishing all a successful Conference and an enjoyable stay in Taupo. The Mayor's address was received by acclamation.

The Vice President then presented to His Worship a kowhai tree to mark the visit of Conference to Taupo.

ADDRESS TO CONFERENCE BY MR J.B. BOLGER, PARLIAMENTARY UNDER-SECRETARY TO THE HON. MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE:

The Vice President in welcoming Mr Bolger said how pleased Conference was to have him present to address and open Conference.

Mr Bolger addressed the Conference and concluded by declaring Conference officially open. (Minute Note: The full text of Mr Bolger's address is printed in the September 1976 issue of "Beekeeper".)

Mr Bolger's address was received with acclamation.

Members then took full opportunity to ask Mr Bolger questions relevant to several aspects of industry activity.

VOTE OF THANKS TO GUEST SPEAKERS:

On behalf of Conference Mr E.R. Robinson proposed a vote of thanks to Messrs Bolger and Currie which was carried with acclamation.

INDISPOSITION OF PRESIDENT, MR I.J. DICKINSON:

The Vice President reported that Mr Dickinson was seeking medical attention and was hopeful that he would be able to attend later in the day.

MOTION TO RESTRICT SMOKING:

It was moved

"THAT NO SMOKING BE PERMITTED IN THE CONFERENCE HALL
WHILST CONFERENCE IS IN SESSION."

Robinson/Jansen

On being put the motion was declared carried.

ADDRESS BY MR RUSSELL POOLE - CHAIRMAN HONEY MARKETING AUTHORITY:

Mr Poole in his address to Conference reviewed the operations of the Authority over the previous trading year and also in the current season. At the conclusion of his address Mr Poole answered a series of questions from the Conference floor.

Mr Poole's address was received with acclamation.

Mr D. Carey then proposed the following resolution:

"THAT THIS 1976 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATION CONGRATULATES THE H.M.A. ON ITS SUCCESSFUL HANDLING OF ITS PROPORTION OF THE RECORD 1974/75 HONEY CROP ENTRUSTED TO IT."

FURTHER IT NOTES WITH SATISFACTION THE STABILITY ENJOYED BY THE INDUSTRY DUE IN LARGE PART TO THE EFFICIENT HANDLING AND FINANCING BY THE H.M.A. OF THIS LARGE CROP, AND WE WISH THE GENERAL MANAGER AND HIS STAFF TO BE ADVISED OF THIS RESOLUTION AND OFFERED OUR THANKS."

The motion was seconded by Mr Blair and on being put was carried.

APOLOGIES FOR NON-ATTENDANCE:

The following apologies were recorded: Messrs J.W. Fraser, A. Mossop, J. McFadzien, W. Lennon, N. Glass, P. Reid, W.I. Haines, A. Bates, W.T. Herron, G. Good, and Mr F. Bartrum (by cable from Rome).

OBITUARIES:

The death of the following members was recorded viz Messrs B. Forsyth, N. Tuck, R. Hobbs.

The Conference stood in silence as a mark of respect.

TIMEKEEPER:

It was moved Messrs Robinson/Carey

" THAT MR TONY LORIMER BE TIMEKEEPER."

Carried.

LENGTH OF SPEECHES:

As per Agenda.

TAPE RECORDERS:

Mr Bird declared to Conference that he had a tape recorder - no objection was raised.

APPOINTMENT OF SCRUTINEERS:

Resolved

"THAT MESSRS IAN FORBES AND ERIC SMAELLIE BE APPOINTED CONFERENCE SCRUTINEERS."

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF 1975 ANNUAL MEETING AND CONFERENCE OF DELEGATES:

Moved Messrs Lorimer/McKenzie

"THAT THE MINUTES OF THE 1975 ANNUAL MEETING AND CONFERENCE HAVING BEEN CIRCULATED BE TAKEN AS READ AND CONFIRMED."

Carried

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

RE WEIGHTS AND MEASURES: Mr Ian Berry raised the question of 6Kg containers. In the ensuing discussion Mr Wicht commented that the intention was to phase out imperial weights. Mr Heineman also raised the question of 15Kg containers.

Moved Messrs Jansen/Clissold

"THAT THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MAKE FURTHER APPROACHES TO THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOUR (WEIGHTS & MEASURES)."

Carried

The Chairman then declared the Annual Meeting adjourned and the Conference of Delegates convened.

CONSIDERATION OF REMITS:REMIT NO. 1 - SOUTH CANTERBURY

The Remit read "That the Hive Levy be used solely for the purpose of financing the National Beekeepers' Association and providing a means of membership to the Association."

Moved Messrs S. Lyttle/H, Cloake and LOST.

REMIT NO. 2 - SOUTHLAND

The Remit read "That Conference recommend that a member be able to withdraw his vote at Branch level and have the right to exercise this vote at Conference."

Moved Messrs Clissold/Bray and CARRIED on a Poll Vote 2305 votes to 1831 votes.

REMIT NO. 3 - NELSON

Mr White sought leave to withdraw but Conference did not concur.

The Remit was amended to read

"That the Executive Committee review its policy and formula for financing Branch funds with a view to making more realistic payments to Branches."

Moved Messrs H. Cloake/K. Ecroyd and CARRIED unanimously.

It was mutually agreed that

REMITS 4, 5, and 6 be taken together.

Remits 4 and 5 were later withdrawn in favour of Remit No. 6 amended as under

"That this Conference recommends that the Executive Committee confer with the H.M.A. and appoint a Committee to carry out an investigation into the feasibility and desirability of amalgamating the N.B.A. and the H.M.A. as one producer body and report its findings to Branches prior to the 1977 Conference."

Moved Messrs Heineman/Bray and CARRIED unanimously.

REMIT NO. 7 - MR R. JANSEN Lapsed for want of a seconder.

REMIT NO. 8 - SOUTH CANTERBURY

The Remit read

"That the Executive have legislation put through Parliament so that the N.B.A. can operate the Hive Levy scheme."

Moved Messrs S. Lyttle/McKenzie and LOST 9 votes to 5 votes.

REMIT NO. 9 - SOUTHLAND WITHDRAWNREMIT NO. 10 - SOUTHLAND

The Remit read

"That Conference protest at the unsatisfactory condition of used containers supplied to beekeepers by the H.M.A."

Moved Messrs Clissold/Glynn and LOST.

REMIT NO. 11 - AUCKLAND

The Remit read

"That this Conference wishes the President to allocate time to the Chairman of the H.M.A. to outline the Kimpton Agreement to the members present, and to explain why the H.M.A. members feel it should continue and that the President should then allow discussion on this Agreement."

Moved Messrs Stuckey/Bellin.

The remit was discussed for a considerable period - copies of the Agreement were made available by Mr Poole. The matter was allowed to rest.

REMIT NO. 12 - SOUTHLAND

The Remit as amended read

"That Conference request the H.M.A. that in future the Base Price be recommended to the Minister as early as possible, preferably not later than mid-December." Marshall/Ashcroft and CARRIED.

REMIT NO. 13 - SOUTH CANTERBURY

The Remit read

"That all honey produced, except comb honey and a quantity reserved for sale from the honey house, be first offered to the H.M.A.; the Authority to have the right to accept or reject the honey, to dispose of the honey as it appears to the best advantage of the supplier, or to direct the supplier of the honey to make it available to whom-so-ever the Authority directs."

Moved Messrs S. Lyttle/H. Cloake and LOST on Poll 230 For 3936 Against.

REMIT NO. 14 - CANTERBURY

The Remit read

"That the H.M.A. be reconstituted to act purely as a Regulatory Body for the beekeeping industry. Its functions should be:

1. To act as agents for exporting honey.
2. To license packers and exporters.
3. To set minimum export prices for both packed and bulk honey.
4. To establish and update costs of production from time to time and notify the industry of such changes which would reflect in local prices.

5. To negotiate and arrange temporary (i.e. seasonal) finance for producers.
6. To merge with the N.B.A."

Moved Messrs Bray/Hantz and declared LOST on a Poll For 1544 Against 2388

At this point, 4.20 p.m. the President, Mr I.J. Dickinson assumed the Chair. A motion of appreciation to Mr P. Berry for acting as Chairman of Conference - carried with acclamation.

REMIT NO. 15 - MR R. JANSEN

The Remit as amended read -

"That this Conference requests an inquiry by an independent authority into the feasibility of the H.M.A. becoming a Regulatory Board only, thus offsetting increasing operating costs and diminishing returns to the beekeeper."

Moved Messrs Jansen/Heineman and CARRIED on a Poll 2305 to 1808 Votes.

REMIT NO. 16 - SOUTH CANTERBURY

The Remit as amended read

"That all packers who sell to the retail trade be licensed by the Health Department."

Moved Messrs S. Lyttle/P. Lyttle and on being put was LOST.

REMIT NO. 17 - CANTERBURY

The Remit read

"That this Conference supports the principle of the licensing of honey packers."

Moved Messrs Hantz/Bray and LOST.

REMIT NO. 18 - SOUTH CANTERBURY

The Remit read

- (a) That an Industry Equalization Reserve Fund be established for the purpose of guaranteeing a payout price to the producer relative to the cost of production.
- (b) That to finance the Industry Equalization Reserve Fund a levy be struck and payable on all honey sold.
- (c) That the amount of the levy be three cents per kilogram of honey sold but this amount be reviewed from time to time and varied as required to maintain the Fund at a suitable level."

Moved Messrs S. Lyttle/H. Cloake and LOST 13 to 2 Votes.

REMIT NO. 19 - AUCKLAND Withdrawn

REMIT NO. 20 - SOUTHLAND

The Remit read

"That this Conference recommend that a committee representative of all sections of the the beekeeping industry be formed:

- (a) To investigate and assess the cost of honey production so that in relation to such costs, a more realistic selling price can be established.
- (b) To investigate the feasibility of all local honey sales being subjected to some form of control, thus ensuring stability of prices."

Moved Messrs Clissold/Herron and LOST 11 Votes to 3.

REMIT NO. 21 - HAWKES BAY

The Remit read

"That Conference reaffirm the Association's support for the principle of allowing exports of retail packs of extracted honey by exporters other than H.M.A., but subject to H.M.A. control."

Moved Messrs Marshall/Stuckey and CARRIED 13 Votes to 1.

REMIT NO. 22 - SOUTH WESTERN DISTRICTS

The Remit read

"That this Conference reaffirms the remit passed at last year's conference at Timaru relating to the export of packed (retail) honey by private packers and would like to know what steps have been taken by the H.M.A. towards implementing this remit.

Moved Messrs Bromell/Morris and CARRIED unanimously.

REMIT NO. 23 - MR R. JANSEN

The Remit read

"That this Conference reaffirms last year's remit calling for private exports of packed honey and urges early implementation of this policy."

Moved Messrs Jansen/Morris and CARRIED unanimously.

REMIT NO. 24 - NORTH OTAGO WITHDRAWN.

REMIT NO. 25 - HAWKES BAY

The Remit read

"That Conference supports the principle of exports of appropriate quantities of bulk extracted honey by exporters other than the H.M.A. but subject to H.M.A. control."

Moved Messrs Marshall/Ashcroft and CARRIED on a Poll Vote FOR 2865 AGAINST 1169.

REMIT NO. 26 - CANTERBURY WITHDRAWN.

REMIT NO. 27 - CANTERBURY

The Remit read

"That the Executive take immediate and strong action to establish the cost of production of honey in New Zealand based on current costs and average New Zealandwide production."

Moved Messrs Bray/Ecroyd and LOST 14 Votes to 1 Vote.

REMIT NO. 28 - SOUTH CANTERBURY

The Remit as amended read

"That the Executive of the N.B.A. arrange with the Economics Section of the Ministry of Agriculture to have a survey on the beekeeping industry taken out urgently. The survey be of sufficient depth to indicate possible future methods of beekeeping viability."

Moved Messrs S. Lyttle/Bray and CARRIED 14 Votes to 1 Vote.

REMIT NO. 29 - SOUTH WESTERN DISTRICTS

The Remit read

"That this Conference views with great concern the vacancy left by the late Mr Dick Hobbs and strongly urges the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries to appoint a further instructor to fill this position."

Moved Messrs Bromell/Marshall and CARRIED unanimously.

REMIT NO. 30 - HAWKES BAY WITHDRAWN.REMIT NO. 31 - SOUTH WESTERN DISTRICTS

The Remit as amended read

"That the Ministry of Agriculture & Fisheries be urged to publish and update "Beekeeping in New Zealand".

Moved Messrs Bromell/Morris and CARRIED unanimously.

REMIT NO. 32 - SOUTH CANTERBURY

The Remit read

That the Minister of Agriculture be asked to approve Rural Bank finance for beekeeping development, with hives being accepted as security for loans."

Moved Messrs S. Lyttle/McKenzie and CARRIED 13 Votes to 2 Votes.

REMIT NO. 33 - MR R. JANSEN

The Remit as amended read

"That Government investigate the value of the pollinisation service provided by beekeepers to the agricultural industries with a view to continuing the availability of loans as was the case this year."

Moved Messrs Jansen/Heineman and CARRIED unanimously.

REMIT NO. 34 - NORTH OTAGO

The Remit read

"That apiarists be enabled to purchase farm bikes for use between apiaries, and qualify for rebate on purchase as enjoyed by other farmers."

Moved Messrs Heineman/Glynn and CARRIED 10 Votes to 3 Votes (2 abstentions).

REMIT NO. 35 - BAY OF PLENTY

The Remit read

"That the N.B.A. continue to oppose the proposed scheme to clear fell the native bush on the Kaimai Range and other bush areas for the purpose of planting pine forest."

Moved Messrs Barrow/Glasson and CARRIED unanimously.

REMIT NO. 36 - HAWKES BAY

The Remit as amended read

"That this Conference agrees that it would be desirable to import Queen Bees from Tonga and requests the Minister of Agriculture to proceed with the necessary checks to ensure that no harmful diseases, parasites or undesirable characteristics are imported into New Zealand."

Moved Messrs Heineman/Gibbon and CARRIED on a poll Vote 2090 Votes to 1134 Votes.

(Minute Note: The original remit was moved Messrs Marshall/Ward but the above amendment was later accepted and adopted.)

REMIT NO. 37 - SOUTHLAND

The Remit read

"That Executive be urged to continue its interests and representation on the Apiaries Advisory Committee."

Moved Messrs Herron/Clissold and CARRIED unanimously.

REMIT NO. 38 - SOUTH CANTERBURY

The Remit read

"That the postal authorities be asked to depict a honey bee on a postage stamp."

Moved Messrs S. Lyttle/Bray and CARRIED unanimously.

REMIT NO. 39 - CANTERBURY

The Remit read

"That this Conference express its appreciation to Mr E.A. Smaellie for the services rendered to this industry over many years."

Moved Messrs Bray/Poole and CARRIED by acclamation.

Mr Smaellie suitably acknowledged the Conference resolution.

REMIT NO. 40 - EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Remit read

"That the Executive recommend to Conference that it favours the concept of a combined Conference/Seminar week and that this arrangement apply from 1977."

Moved Mr President/Bray and CARRIED 13 Votes to 1 Vote.

REMIT NO. 41 - EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Remit read

"That the Executive recommend to Conference that Conference venues alternate between Christchurch and Palmerston North in the interests of costs and personnel likely to be concerned with seminars."

Moved Mr President/McKenzie and LOST.

REMIT NO. 42 - OTAGO

The Remit read

"That the 1977 Conference of the Association be held in Dunedin."

Moved Messrs Heineman/Mr President and CARRIED.

REMIT NO. 43 - CANTERBURY WITHDRAWN.

RESUMPTION OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

IN CHAIR: The President, Mr I.J. Dickinson

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS:

Mr Dickinson presented his 1976 address to the Annual Meeting. (Note: the full text of this address will be published in the September issue of "Beekeeper".)

A number of members asked questions based on the President's Report.

The address was duly received by acclamation.

ARISING FROM PRESIDENT'S REPORT - NOTICES OF MOTIONNOTICE NO. 1

"That this Conference supports the present guaranteed Base Price System and recognises the fact that the continued operation of this scheme depends on the existence of some form of stabilisation levy : accordingly Conference supports in principle the introduction of a Stabilisation levy and requests the Executive Committee in consultation with the H.M.A. to determine how best such a levy should be implemented and operated."

Moved Messrs Ecroyd/ not seconded and LOST 39 Votes to 21 Votes.

NOTICE NO. 2

"That this Conference asks the Executive Committee to approach the Ministry of Works to see if it is possible to have the mowing of road edges delayed until early December."

(Note in Support: At present a lot of early clover flower is being cut which is available to bees for nectar and pollen before clover comes into flower in farm pastures.)

Moved Messrs Bird/Robinson and CARRIED unanimously.

LIFE MEMBERSHIPS

The President reported that the Executive had considered the life membership nominations received from Branches and then called upon the respective Branch delegates to speak in support of each and move the appropriate motion.

The following were proposed for Life Membership.

(1) MR JACK GLYNN - Moved Messrs Clissold/Herron.

On being put the motion was carried unanimously and the President presented a Life Membership Certificate to Mr Glynn.

On receiving the certificate Mr Glynn thanked the Association for the honour bestowed upon him.

(2) MR W.I. HAINES - Moved Messrs Gavin/Bird. The motion was carried unanimously and in the absence of Mr Haines due to ill health Mr Gavin accepted the Certificate from the President on his behalf.(3) MR HARRY CLOAKE - Moved Messrs S. Lyttle/McKenzie. After a number of members had spoken in support the motion was put and carried unanimously. In accepting the Life Membership Certificate from the President, Mr Cloake acknowledged the honour that had been conferred upon him - he valued it greatly and concluded in saying that it had given him "greater pleasure to give than receive".(4) MR GEO. GORDON - Moved Messrs Marshall/Ashcroft. On being put the motion was carried unanimously.

In the unavoidable absence of Mr Gordon Mr Marshall accepted his Life Membership Certificate from the President.

(5) MR NORMAN GLASS - Moved Messrs Clissold/Herron and carried unanimously.

Mr Glynn accepted the Life Membership Certificate on behalf of Mr Glass, and in so doing said he would convey the good wishes of Conference to him.

RESEARCH PAPER TO ANNUAL MEETING AND CONFERENCE

A paper prepared by Mr P. Clinch, Apiculture Section Wallaceville Research Station was circulated to members.

Mr Clinch elaborated on a number of the more significant matters covered in his report and answered many questions from the floor of the meeting.

A motion to receive and thank Mr Clinch for his report was carried by acclamation.

ANNUAL REPORT - APIARY SECTION MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE - Mr E.A. Smaellie

Mr Smaellie in presenting what would be his last report to the Annual Meeting and Conference thanked the Association and its members for their co-operation with him and his staff over so many years.

The report which had been circulated beforehand was then used as a basis for a question and answer session.

It was duly resolved

"That the annual report of the Apiary Advisory Section be received."

CARRIED by acclamation.

PRESENTATION TO MR E.A. SMAELLIE

The President on behalf of the Association thanked Mr Smaellie for the work he had done for the industry over a very long period. Mr Smaellie had served the interests of beekeepers in a number of capacities and had established a friendly and sound working relationship with beekeepers everywhere.

The President wished Mr Smaellie a long and enjoyable retirement.

He then asked Mr Smaellie to accept a silver tray and server as a mark of the esteem in which he was held by the Association and its members.

The presentation was supported by acclamation.

In acknowledging the presentation Mr Smaellie traced his early association with the industry and said he valued the many friendships he had made. He thanked all for the presentation and said it would be a permanent reminder of his link with the industry.

LIBRARY REPORT

The annual report was tabled and presented by Mr Mervyn Cloake. The report was duly received and Conference recorded the following resolution

"That the Library Committee's Annual Report be received and that Conference express its appreciation and thanks to Mr Chris Dawson for the work he was doing in his capacity as Hon. Librarian."

CARRIED by acclamation.

ELECTION OF PRESIDENT

The Executive Secretary assumed the Chair and invited nominations.

Mr I.J. Dickinson was nominated but declined to accept nomination.

Mr P. Berry was nominated by Messrs Marshall/Morris and there being no further nominations was duly declared elected.

Mr Berry then assumed the Chair and thanked members for their vote of confidence.

VOTE OF THANKS TO MR I.J. DICKINSON

The Annual Meeting recorded a unanimous vote of thanks to Mr Dickinson for his services to the Association during his four year term as President.

ELECTION OF VICE PRESIDENT

Moved Messrs Cloake/Bray that Mr M.J. Stuckey be elected as Vice President and there being no further nomination Mr Stuckey was duly declared elected.

APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR

Moved Messrs Robinson Morris that Mr N. Ryder Lewis be re-appointed Auditor to the Association. CARRIED.

GENERAL BUSINESSELECTION VOTING PROCEDURES

Mr K. Herron said he would like the Executive Committee to examine the procedure adopted by the Returning Officer to ensure that it was the most equitable system having regard to all the different factors involved.

The President gave an assurance that the Executive Committee would undertake such a study.

APIARIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

In response to an enquiry Mr Ian Forbes reported that the Committee membership was now up to full strength and that the Committee was operational. The areas in question were to be visited shortly. Noted.

APIMONDIA CONGRESS - ADELAIDE OCTOBER 1977

Mr Graeme Walton in reporting said the N.Z. Bee Research Association and the N.B.A. had decided to co-sponsor a tour to the Congress. There appeared to be three period terms for tours - 8 days, 14 days and 21 days. The Annual Meeting favoured the 14 day term visit.

In all, between 17 and 20 of those present expressed interest. Mr Walton advised that further details would be reported in due course.

VOTING PAPER LAYOUT

Mr Bromell enquired whether more detail, especially where the election of one Island's members had been elected unopposed, could be included on the Voting Paper.

The Returning Officer reported that some additions would be made as a consequence of the experience gained this year. Noted.

VOTE OF THANKS TO HOST BRANCH

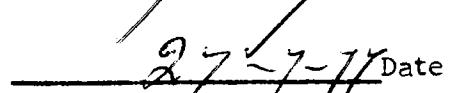
Mr Ivan Dickinson in proposing a vote of thanks to the Waikato Branch said he was sure all would agree that the arrangements had been excellent. The Social Function had been a most enjoyable function and he hoped it would be a profitable venture for the Branch.

The motion was carried by acclamation.

The Annual Meeting was duly declared closed at 10.35 a.m.



Chairman



27-7-77 Date

NATIONAL BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD IN THE LAKE VIEW MOTEL/HOTEL TAUPO AND IN THE SENIOR CITIZENS HALL TAUPO ON MONDAY, TUESDAY AND FRIDAY THE 26TH, 27TH AND 30TH JULY 1976 COMMENCING AT 10.45 A.M. ON MONDAY THE 26TH JULY 1976.

PRESENT:

Messrs I. J. Dickinson (in chair)
P. Berry
M. J. Stuckey
J. G. McKenzie
E. R. Robinson
W. A. Clissold

ALSO PRESENT:

G. A. Beard, Executive Secretary

APOLOGY:

Mr I. J. Dickinson for Tuesday 27th (indisposed)

WELCOME TO MEMBERS

The President extended a warm welcome to members and congratulated all members on their re-election to the Executive.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

a) Special Meeting 14 May 1976

Moved

"THAT THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATION HELD ON MAY 1976 AS CIRCULATED WERE TAKEN AS READ AND CONFIRMED ON THE MOTION OF MESSRS CLISSOLD/STUCKEY".

b) Executive Committee Meeting 14 May 1976

Moved

"THAT THE MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD ON 14 MAY 1976, AS CIRCULATED AND WITH ONE AMENDMENT - REFERENCE PAGE ONE "1976 CAPITATION ALLOWANCE TO BRANCHES" INCLUDE WORDS "PER HIVE" BEFORE WORDS "FOR COMMERCIAL MEMBERS", BE TAKEN AS READ AND CONFIRMED"
Robinson/Berry. - carried

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

1) Export Incentive Scheme

The Executive Secretary reported that he had been advised by the Department of Trade and Industry that propolis and pollen had been added to the list of products eligible under export incentive scheme. - noted

CORRESPONDENCE

Life Membership Nominations

A number of applications submitted by Branches were tabled for consideration.

After due consideration it was duly resolved

"THAT THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS, MESSRS GEO GORDON, JACK GLYNN, NORMAN GLASS, HARRY CLOAKE AND WILLIAM HAINES BE RECOMMENDED TO THE ANNUAL MEETING FOR ELECTION AS LIFE MEMBERS".

Hon. Minister of Agriculture - advising that in future the Under-Secretary Mr J. B. Bolger would be responsible for handling all Beekeeping industry matters requiring Government attention. - received and noted

Outward to Mr Ian Forbes - re feeding of sugar to bees. It was noted that a suitable article had been submitted to the Editor, Beekeeper.

Director Advisory Services Ministry of Agriculture & Fisheries
re Seminars - see later minute

Outward to Mr G. Walton re proposed Apimondia Congress tour.

This topic was discussed by the President with Mr Walton later in the week when it was agreed that investigations should proceed on a joint basis and that Messrs Walton and Beard should confer as appropriate.

Outward to Director of Advisory Services Division, Ministry of Agriculture & Fisheries - re dumping of imported honey in Auckland.

The Executive Secretary reported that Mr Forbes had advised that the Ministry had sent an appropriate circular to grocery retailers, in the Auckland area. - noted

Outward to Mr J.B. Bolger M.P. thanking him for assistance given in arranging Rural Bank loan finance for beekeepers affected by disastrous seasonal conditions. - confirmed

Outward to Mr J. H. Watt - extending association's best wishes on his retirement. - confirmed

Outward to Honey Marketing Authority replying to Authority's request for comments on conditions that should attach to private exports of retail packs.

It was noted no reply had been received from the Authority.

As the Executive was scheduled to meet the Authority the following day it was decided to hold over the matter for further consideration at that time.

Outward to Otago Branch requesting further information on wasps as disease carriers. As no reply had been received it was decided to take no further action in the matter.

Correspondence from Branches re possible areas of Government Assistance to Beekeeping Industry

Submissions from the Otago, Hawkes Bay, and Canterbury branches and also from the Honey Dew producers Association were tabled and discussed.

It was duly resolved

"THAT THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY PREPARE A SUITABLE PAPER FOR EXECUTIVE STUDY AT THE SEPTEMBER MEETING".

Returning Officer's Report to President - advising result of Executive Committee election 1976.

The Returning Officer advised that Messrs Stuckey, Robinson and Berry had been returned unopposed as the North Island members and in the case of the election for the South Island members the following voting was recorded.

A. Clissold	3,333 Votes
I. J. Dickinson	3,489 "
K. Herron	2,405 "
G. McKenzie	3,304 "
Informal	29 "

Messrs Clissold, Dickinson and McKenzie had been declared elected. - received

Outward to Honey Marketing Authority - re Cost Analysis

Mr Berry reported that the cost analysis requested was not readily available and that it would be a major task to produce a report - the Authority did not consider it could give the matter a high priority. noted

International Congress of Apiculture - Adelaide

Resolved

"THAT COPIES OF THE LETTER BE CIRCULATED TO EXECUTIVE MEMBERS AND BRANCHES."

Mr B. J. Rae, Rotorua Bee Club

Mr Rae wrote enquiring about the procedure involved in forming a branch. The Executive Secretary's reply was tabled and confirmed.

Outward to Mr E. R. Robinson - re Ministry action in dealing with the sale of diseased hives.

Mr Robinson reported that he was now much happier about the matter and no further action appeared necessary. noted

Mr T. J. Broadley - thanking the Executive for the steps taken in arranging for him to meet the Apiaries Advisory Committee he considered the discussion had been very well worth while.

The Executive after discussing the matter resolved

"THAT MR IAN FORBES BE ADVISED OF THE EXECUTIVES APPRECIATION OF THE ACTION HE HAD TAKEN AND THAT IT CONSIDERS THE WORK OF THE APIARIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE IS NOW ON A MUCH MORE SATISFACTORY BASIS.

Outward to Health Department re definition of "Honey". - noted and confirmed

Metric Advisory Board - re proposal that imperial weights for honey packs be phased out from August 1976.

After a full discussion it was duly resolved

"THAT THE METRIC ADVISORY BOARD BE ADVISED THAT IN THE VIEW OF THE ASSOCIATION THE "CUT OFF" DATE FOR IMPERIAL WEIGHTS SHOULD BE SET AT JULY 31ST 1977."

(Minute Note: the principal reason for suggesting this date was to allow members reasonable time to use current carton stocks.)

Mr E. R. Robinson - re penalty imposed on hive levy payments.

Resolved

"THAT THE MATTER BE DISCUSSED WITH THE AUTHORITY THE FOLLOWING DAY."

ACCOUNTS

A schedule detailing the payments made in April/May/June and July covered by cheques numbered

- a) 008 to 019 and
- b) 022 to 027
totalling \$3484:44
- and c) 028 - 040 and
- d) 601 - 616
totalling \$4389:99

was tabled, received and confirmed on the motion of Messrs Robinson/McKenzie. (Minute Note: The above schedule is appended to these minutes in the Minute Book.)

ANNUAL REPORT HONEY MARKETING AUTHORITY

The annual report of the Authority was tabled for discussion. The report was for the financial year ending 31 August 1975.

Mr Berry answered several questions from members and also advised that the stocks on hand valuation figure used was 54 cents per kg.

The report was duly received.

FEDERATED FARMERS - 1976 DOMINION CONFERENCE AGENDA

The Executive Secretary reported that he had attended some of the Annual Conference sessions - no matters of special concern to the Association had arisen.

There still appeared some doubt as to who was the Association's Representative on the Federated's Dominion Council.

Resolved

"THAT FEDERATED FARMERS BE ADVISED THAT ITS OFFICIAL REPRESENTATIVE ON THE FEDERATION'S DOMINION COUNCIL IS THE PRESIDENT OF THE ASSOCIATION FOR THE TIME BEING, AND THAT IN THE EVENT OF THE PRESIDENT BEING UNAVAILABLE THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY WILL ACT AS HIS DEPUTY."

EXPORT HONEY REGULATIONS - DRAFT - of proposed amended Regulations

The draft which had been prepared by the Ministry was referred to the Association for comment.

It was agreed that the draft should be discussed with the Authority the following day when Ministry Officers would also be in attendance.

The following points were noted for later discussion.

- (1) Copy of Draft to Comb Honey Producers' Association - supported.
- (2) Definition of Honey -
 - (a) Does it include heather, manuka and like honeys
 - (b) re Comb honey re "thin supers" - check as to need for this qualification
 - (c) (V1) manufacturing grade provisions
- (3) Clause 5 (2) Moisture suggest
 - (a) 21 parts per centum for ordinary honey
 - (b) 23 parts per centum for heather honey
- (4) Re Bulk honey - clarify in respect of "crushed combs"
- (5) Page 4 - reverse Clauses 5 and 6
- (6) Clause 24 (1) re Grading fees
Raise question of fees as they could apply to packers distant from main grading centres.
- (7) Clause 17 (1) Supplier or Producer instead of "owner".

Part 2 - 1. A. re pollen. Cells of pollen - seek clarification.

New Clause 1 (E) Comb honey with natural pollen.

Clause 5 - check suggested minimum.

Clause 9 - Suggest 250 kg as alternative to 500 kg.

SPANISH BEEKEEPING JOURNAL

Mr McKenzie tabled correspondence he had received from a Spanish contact and it was agreed that the organisation be placed on the Beekeeper free mailing list.

Tuesday 27th July - In the absence of the President due to indisposition Mr P. Berry assumed the Chair.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE - ORDER OF RETIREMENT OF MEMBERS

In accordance with the Rules of the Association the following order was determined by lot.

1977 - North Island - two members to retire
1978 - " " - one member to retire

Members to Retire by Rotation

1977 - North Island - Messrs Berry and Stuckey
1978 - " " - Mr Robinson
1977 - South Island - Mr Dickinson
1978 - " " - Messrs Clissold and McKenzie

CONSIDERATION OF CONFERENCE REMITS

The Executive discussed the remits on the Conference order paper and also considered the order in which these might best be taken. No firm decisions were taken in the matter except that it was felt that remits 4, 5 and 6 should be given a measure of priority.

JOINT MEETING WITH HONEY MARKETING AUTHORITY

The Authority was represented by the Chairman, Mr R. F. Poole, and Messrs Ecroyd, Hayman and the General Manager, Mr Curtis Wicht.

Also in attendance were Messrs Ian Forbes and Eric Smaellie, Ministry of Agriculture.

Mr Berry welcomed all to the meeting and advised that a sudden attack of flu prevented Mr Dickinson being present.

The following topics were discussed:

(1) Export Regulations - Draft of proposed amendments. Messrs Forbes and Smaellie took part in this consideration and the following points were noted:

(a) Draft to Comb Honey Producers' Association - agree when revised draft becomes available.

(b) Definition of "Honey"

It was agreed that a tidier definition could be adopted and make provision to cover Pohutukawa, Heather and similar honeys.

(c) Re bulk honey and crushed comb honey.

(d) Manufacturing Quality - agreed that provision be made for such a classification.

(e) Re Crushed Comb - beyond original appearance.

(f) Places of Grading - define more clearly.

(g) Times of graders availability - check.

(h) Clause 17 (1) re ownership of honey.

The H. M. A. view tended to favour the opinion that ownership changes when grade certificate is issued : it was noted that purchase contracts could specify alternatives.

(i) Clause 24 (1) re fees. The Ministry officers indicated that current

Government policy was to recover grading fees. The position relative to packers distant from grading centres was noted and it was agreed that the Association should request Government to consider such cases on a different basis.

j) Part 2 - re pollen cells and comb with a percentage of pollen. - noted for further study by the Ministry.

k) The Authority members raised the following points

1) Re Grading Certificate - left to Authority and Ministry to confer on possible amendments to the form.

2) Moisture content

- a) Honey 20 parts per centum
- b) Heather honey 22 parts per centum

In this respect Codex alimentarius it was noted that the maximum moisture standard was 21 per cent for honey and 23 per cent for heather honey.

This concluded the discussion on the Honey Export Regulations.

2) EXCHANGE OF EXECUTIVE AND H. M. A. MINUTES

Mr Poole outlined Authority policy and attitude and indicated that Authority minutes were confidential to the Authority. This did not preclude members from discussing subject matter dealt with by the Authority, but it did place a limitation on the availability of the minutes to non members.

Mr Poole said he considered the regular newsletters to Hive Levy payers gave a reasonable coverage of Authority activities.

Mr Robinson suggested that if a copy of the H. M. A. minutes was made available on a confidential basis to the President of the Association this could meet the position satisfactorily. Mr Poole indicated the Authority would be pleased to consider such a request.

Mr Berry indicated that the Executive Committee had resolved to supply copies of its minutes to Authority members for their information.

3) Hive Levy Demands

Mr Robinson in raising the matter indicated that the procedures adopted this year had caused concern to a number of producers. Mr Poole explained the policy followed by the Authority and dealt in particular with the decision to impose penalty for late payment. He also said he felt that the Association should take steps to acquaint its commercial members of their responsibilities in respect of Hive Levy payments.

It was mutually agreed that a feature article be prepared for inclusion in the December issue of Beekeeper.

4) Policy in Respect of the Export of Honey in Retail Packs

Mr Poole drew attention to the actual wording of the 1975 remit No. 19 which called upon the Association to make an appropriate recommendation to the Minister.

Mr Berry pointed out that the Executive had decided that before it formulated any recommendation it should first ascertain the policy attitude of the Authority towards the proposal. The Authority had sought Association view on the matter and this had been forwarded, but no reply had been received.

Mr Wicht advised that a letter under date of 3 June had been sent to the Association. (This letter was not received.)

Mr Poole then advised that further consideration had been deferred pending the return of Mr Wicht in eight/ten weeks time.

This approach was accepted as being a prudent course to follow.

In the general consideration Mr D. Hayman the Government member on the Authority pointed out that in respect of exports, the time could be appropriate for the industry to review its policies especially as these applied to

- i) The stabilisation of honey prices
- ii) Any levy to support a price stabilisation policy
- iii) The degree of control over exports and its effect on both local and export market selling.

The issues involved were basic to the future marketing of honey and it would be for the Industry to make up its mind which way it wished to proceed.

A general discussion ensued without any recommendation being formulated.

5) Codex Alimentarius

It was decided that the Codex provisions could be accepted with minor deviations – refer page 23 (ii) of the Standard.

6) Conclusion of Joint Meeting

Mr Poole thanked the Executive for arranging the meeting and said his members felt it had been worthwhile and helpful to all concerned. Next year the Authority would be glad to act as hosts.

Mr Berry on behalf of the Executive thanked the Authority for attending and said he was certain that such meetings could do nothing but promote better understanding.

The Authority members then left the meeting.

SEMINAR PROPOSAL

The Executive discussed possible formats for future seminars with Messrs Forbes and Smaellie.

Mr Forbes indicated that the Ministry were quite happy to co-operate with the Association in organising seminars in conjunction with the Annual Conference, but did not wish to be tied each year to such a commitment. The Ministry wished to be free to organise seminars in regions as the need may arise.

In 1977 it was hoped that some of the overseas experts might well include a visit to New Zealand in their itineraries and the Ministry wished to take advantage of any opportunities that might arise in this direction.

Mr Berry advised that the Executive felt that if a seminar could be organised to coincide with the Conference it could encourage a greater attendance and also save cost both for producers and Ministry staff.

Mr Forbes emphasised that the Ministry would be glad to co-operate and suggested that the question of a seminar being timetabled into the Conference agenda be discussed at the first Executive meeting in the year – this course was agreed.

Re Apimondia

It was agreed that the contact with overseas personnel be left to Mr Graeme Walton to organise. The question of financial assistance was also raised and it was noted that the Association was very limited in the assistance it could offer.

BEEKEEPER

In attendance the Editor Mr Trevor Walton.

The Chairman welcomed Mr Walton to the meeting.

Topics relating to the production of Beekeeper were discussed in general terms with Mr Walton: no matters arising required Executive decision.

The meeting then adjourned until Friday 30th July 1976 at 11 a.m., venue Senior Citizens Hall Lounge.

In Chair - the President Mr P. Berry and all members of the Executive Committee

CONSIDERATION OF REMITS PASSED BY 1976 CONFERENCE

Remit No. 2 - re Voting rights of members at Conference - referred to September meeting for further consideration.

Remit No. 3 - Re Financing of Branches

Moved

THAT A CIRCULAR BE SENT TO ALL BRANCHES SEEKING THEIR VIEWS AS TO THEIR NEEDS BY WAY OF ANNUAL GRANTS TO MAINTAIN A REASONABLE LEVEL OF ACTIVITY AND ALSO SUGGESTIONS AS TO THE MOST APPROPRIATE METHOD THAT COULD BE ADOPTED TO MEET THIS REQUIREMENT.

McKenzie/Robinson
Carried

Remit No. 6 - re proposal to merge N. B. A. and H. M. A.

Resolved

- 1) "THAT THE HONEYMARKETING AUTHORITY BE ADVISED OF THE CONFERENCE REMIT AND THAT IT BE SUGGESTED THAT THE TWO ORGANISATIONS PREPARE AND EXCHANGE SUITABLE BACKGROUND PAPERS", and
- 2) "THAT IT BE SUGGESTED THAT A SPECIAL JOINT MEETING BE CONVENED FOR LATE OCTOBER TO CONSIDER THE PROPOSAL."

Remit No. 12 re announcement date for Base Price - refer to H. M. A.

Remit No. 15 re Inquiry into question of Authority becoming a Regulatory Board only.

The Executive noted that the Conference proposal was that such an enquiry be conducted by a person independent of the Industry.

The Chairman pointed out that the matter was complex and required a good deal of careful appraisal and consideration before any decision was formulated.

Resolved

"THAT THE QUESTION BE PLACED ON THE AGENDA OF THE SEPTEMBER MEETING."

Remits 21, 22, 23 & 25

Refer to proposed October Joint meeting with H. M. A.

Remit No. 28 - re Cost of Production Survey

Resolved

"THAT THE REMIT BE REFERRED TO THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE FOR COMMENT AND THAT A MINISTRY REPRESENTATIVE BE INVITED TO ATTEND THE SEPTEMBER MEETING TO FURTHER DISCUSS THE MATTER."

Remit No. 29 re Advisory Services

Resolved

"THAT THE REMIT BE REFERRED TO THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE TOGETHER WITH SUPPORTING INFORMATION."

Remit No. 31 - Re Publication of Bulletin Beekeeping in New Zealand

Resolved

"THAT THE REMIT BE REFERRED TO THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE WITH THE SUGGESTION THAT ANY EXPEDITION WOULD BE HELPFUL."

Remit No. 32 - re Rural Bank - acceptance of hives as security

Resolved

"THAT AN OFFICER OF THE RURAL BANK BE INVITED TO ATTEND THE SEPTEMBER MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE."

Remit No. 33 - re Value of Pollination to Agriculture

Resolved

"THAT NO FURTHER ACTION BE TAKEN AT THIS STAGE."

Remit No. 34 - Re Rebate on Farm Bikes

Resolved

"THAT THE REMIT BE REFERRED TO THE OTAGO BRANCH FOR FURTHER BACKGROUND INFORMATION."

Remit No. 35 - re Clear felling of Forest

Resolved

"THAT THE REMIT BE REFERRED TO
A) THE MINISTER OF FORESTS
B) THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE
C) THE FOREST & BIRD SOCIETY."

Remit No. 36 - re Importation of Queen Bees ex Tonga

The Executive decided that the trade implications involved should be added to the remit content.

The Executive also recorded its reservations about the proposal and its general ramifications.

Resolved

"THAT THE REMIT TOGETHER WITH EXECUTIVE COMMENT BE FORWARDED TO THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE UFOR COMMENT."

Remit No. 37 - Re Apiaries Advisory Committee - no action required.

Remit No. 38 - re Postage stamp depicting honey bee

Resolved

"THAT AN APPROPRIATE REQUEST BE MADE TO THE POSTMASTER GENERAL."

Remit No. 39 - re Appreciation E. A. Smaellie

Resolved

"THAT THE SENTIMENTS EXPRESSED IN THE REMIT BE CONVEYED TO MR SMAELLIE TOGETHER WITH THE ASSOCIATION'S BEST WISHES FOR A LONG AND ENJOYABLE RETIREMENT."

Remit No. 40 - re Conference Seminar - September meeting agenda

Resolved

"THAT A LETTER BE WRITTEN TO THE CANTERBURY BRANCH ENQUIRING WHETHER, IN THE EVENT OF THE OTAGO BRANCH DECIDING AGAINST DUNEDIN AS THE 1977 CONFERENCE VENUE, THEY WOULD BE PREPARED TO HOST THE CONFERENCE."

GENERAL BUSINESS

- 1) a) Mr Bolger's address to Conference
b) Mr Poole's address to Conference
c)

Resolved

"THAT COPIES BE CIRCULATED TO EXECUTIVE MEMBERS."

- 2) Price Index

Resolved

"THAT A COPY OF THE SCHEDULE USED IN THE 1976 PRICE BE CIRCULATED TO MEMBERS AND THAT THE MATTER BE FURTHER DISCUSSED AT THE SEPTEMBER MEETING."

- 3) Arising from Budget

Resolved

"THAT A LETTER BE FORWARDED TO THE HON. MINISTER OF FINANCE SEEKING ADVICE AS TO

A) WHETHER HIVES COULD BE ACCEPTED AS THE EQUIVALENT OF STOCK UNITS FOR PRODUCTION INCENTIVE PURPOSES
B) WHETHER YOUNG FARMERS' INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS WOULD APPLY TO YOUNG MEN ENGAGED IN BEEKEEPING."

- 4) Exchange of Minutes

Resolved

"THAT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES BE SUPPLIED TO MEMBERS OF THE HONEY MARKETING AUTHORITY."

- 5) Association Membership - Deadline Date for Renewal

Resolved

"THAT 30 JUNE BE THE MEMBERSHIP DEADLINE DATE."

- 6) Supply of Schedule of Remits to Hive Levy (Commercial Members)

Resolved

"THAT THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY PREPARE A REPORT ON THE COST OF SUPPLYING THE SCHEDULE OF REMITS TO ALL COMMERCIAL MEMBERS."

- 7) Mailing out System to Executive Committee

Resolved

"THAT THE MATTER BE REFERRED TO THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY FOR ATTENTION."

- 8) Association Expenditure - Against Budget

Resolved

"THAT A SUITABLE REPORT BE PREPARED FOR THE SEPTEMBER MEETING."

9) Producer/Marketing Organisations

Resolved

"THAT THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OBTAIN COPIES OF THE LEGISLATION COVERING THE OPERATIONS OF OTHER PRIMARY PRODUCER BODIES AND RELATED MARKETING AGENCIES."

NEXT MEETING

Resolved

"THAT THE NEXT MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE BE HELD IN WELLINGTON ON MONDAY AND TUESDAY THE 27TH AND 28TH SEPTEMBER 1976 COMMENCING AT 10.15 A.M. ON MONDAY THE 27TH."

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 12.40 p.m.

27-9-76 Perry

NATIONAL BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF
THE NATIONAL BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION (INC.) HELD IN THE
ASSOCIATION'S OFFICES, WILLIAMS BUILDING, WELLINGTON
MONDAY AND TUESDAY THE 27TH AND 28TH SEPTEMBER 1976
COMMENCING AT 10 A. M.

G. A. BEARD
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

PRESENT

Messrs P. Berry (in chair)
M. Stuckey
G. McKenzie
E. R. Robinson
A. Clissold
I. J. Dickinson (from 1.45 p.m.)

ALSO PRESENT

The Executive Secretary G. A. Beard

WELCOME TO MEMBERS

Before taking the business of the meeting the President welcomed members and extended congratulations to Messrs Stuckey and Dickinson on their election to the Honey Marketing Authority.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the previous meeting of the Executive Committee held in Taupo on July 26th, 27th and 30th having been circulated were taken as read and confirmed on the motion of Messrs Robinson/Clissold.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Life Membership List

Resolved

"THAT A MEMORANDUM FOR EXECUTIVE MEMBERS LISTING THE LIFE MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATION BE PREPARED AND THAT THE LIST BE THE SUBJECT OF CONSIDERATION AT THE DECEMBER MEETING."

CORRESPONDENCE

Outward Telegram to Mrs Haines and family, Kaitaia

Resolved

"THAT THE EXECUTIVE RECORD ITS SYMPATHY TO MRS HAINES AND FAMILY IN THE PASSING OF LIFE MEMBER MR W. HAINES."

Outward Letter from President to Mr R. F. Poole inviting Mr Poole to attend the September Executive meeting. Also tabled was Mr Poole's reply advising that he felt his attendance at an Executive Meeting would be more suitable later in the year. - noted and received

Federated Farmers of N. Z. - acknowledging advice that the Association's representative on Dominion Council would be the President Mr P. Berry. - received

Bee Research Association (Mr G. Walton) advising re Adelaide Apimondia Group tour. It was noted Mr Walton would meet the Executive the following day.

Waitemata Honey Company
Waikato Branch

re Labour Department requirement that honey packing houses be registered as factories under the Factories Act.

Resolved

"THAT A LETTER BE SENT TO THE SECRETARY OF LABOUR SEEKING CLARIFICATION AS TO WHETHER HONEY HOUSES CAN BE INCLUDED WITHIN THE FACTORIES ACT."

Health Department - thanking the Association for its assistance in regard to the acceptance of Codex Standards for the New Zealand Food Industry. - received

Department of Trade and Industry - advising that the Pollen and Propolis now qualified within the export taxation incentive scheme. - received and referred to Editor Beekeeper.

Metric Advisory Board - advising that the Association's request for a deferral of the Imperial cut off date be from August 1976 to July 31st 1977 was being considered and that a decision would be available shortly. - received

Outward to Ministry of Works and Development - forwarding Conference remit re mowing of roadside verges. - reply awaited

Outward to Canterbury Branch - enquiring whether in the event of the Otago Branch declining to host conference they would accept conference. - noted

Outward to Mr I. J. Dickinson re Honey Cost schedule - tabled later in meeting.

Memorandum to Executive re costs of sending Conference agenda to all Commercial members of the Association.

Resolved

"THAT A COPY OF THE CONFERENCE AGENDA AND REMITS BE MAILED TO ALL COMMERCIAL MEMBERS WHEN IT IS RELEASED TO BRANCHES."

Outward to Mr E. Smaellie - forwarding of Conference remit of good wishes. - noted

Outward to Ministry of Agriculture re

- a) Apiary Advisory Committee - no reply required
- b) Advisory Services - see later minute
- c) Cost of Production Survey - see later minute
- d) Bulletin - Beekeeping in New Zealand - see later minute
- e) Importation of Queen Bees from Tonga see later minute

Postmaster-General advising that the Association's representation to have a postage stamp depicting a bee was being considered and a further reply would be sent in due course. - received

Otago Branch - supplying further information in support of their Conference remit that sales tax on Farm Bikes be remitted when such bikes are used by beekeepers.

The Executive Committee gave very full consideration to the proposal but concluded that it would be very difficult to sustain a case for special treatment plus the fact that it would be difficult to police. The present depreciation allowances on farm equipment was another factor.

Resolved

"THAT NO FURTHER ACTION BE TAKEN ON THE GROUNDS THAT THE EXEMPTION SOUGHT HAS INSUFFICIENT VALIDITY TO SUBSTANTIATE

A REASONABLE CASE FOR SPECIAL CONSIDERATION AS OPPOSED TO OTHER FARMING."

Upper Hutt City Council - Replying to Head Office letter written at the behest of Wellington area members relative to the license fees for covering hives kept in the urban area of the City.

It was noted that the License fee applied only to the urban zoning of the City and fewer than half a dozen beekeepers were involved. - received.

Hon. Minister of Rural Banking Corporation - advising that the Farm Ownership Scheme did not exclude those saving to purchase a beekeeping enterprise - received and referred to the Editor Beekeeper,

Honey Marketing Authority replying to Associations letters re

- a) Exchange of Minutes - the matter is to receive further consideration at the Authority's next meeting. - noted
- b) Conference Remit No. 6

It was noted that the general question of private exports was to be considered when the General Manager returned from overseas. - noted

Memorandum to Branches - re deadline date for membership. - received and confirmed

Honey Marketing Authority - forwarding on a copy of a letter originally sent on June 3rd re private exports but not received. No action required.

Minister of Rural Banking - interim reply on inclusion of beekeeping within the Livestock Incentive Scheme. - received

(Minister of Agriculture
(Minister of Environment
(Minister of Forests

re Clear felling of bush

The Minister of Forests advised that the Association's representations were being given careful consideration. - received and referred to Editor Beekeeper

Minutes of 1976 Annual Meeting and Conference - tabled and received.

Returning Officer - H. M. A. Election - advising declaration of result for the information of the Executive Committee. - received

Waikato Branch - requesting that the voting rights of persons eligible to vote in the H.M.A. election where Hive Levy payments have been subject to deferrment be sought.

The Executive Secretary reported that in due course he would be preparing a report for the Minister on administrative aspects of the Election procedure and the point raised by the Waikato Branch was one point that would be covered in the report. - received and noted

Waikato Branch - advancing a proposal that four regional conferences be held prior to annual meetings at which the President of the N. B. A., the Chairman of the Authority and Executive staff would be present in order that the sectional activities of the Industry could be better explained to the rank and file.

Resolved

"THAT IT BE SUGGESTED TO THE WAIKATO BRANCH THAT IN ORDER TO TEST THE EFFICACY OF THEIR PROPOSAL THEY ORGANISE SUCH A MEETING IN THE EARLY MONTHS OF 1977 AND EXTEND APPROPRIATE INVITATIONS - THE ASSOCIATION BEING PREPARED TO ACCEPT SUCH AN INVITATION."

BRANCH ACCOUNTS AND FUNDING

Replies to the Association's letter to Branches were received from the

- a) Otago Branch
- b) South Canterbury Branch
- c) North Otago Branch
- d) Waikato Branch

Arising

- 1) The Otago Branch sought approval to maintain a special account associated with the operation of the Branch Apiary.

Resolved

"THAT THE APPROVAL SOUGHT BE GRANTED SUBJECT TO THE BRANCH SUBMITTING A STATEMENT ON THE SPECIAL ACCOUNT WHEN SUBMITTING THE ANNUAL ACCOUNTS OF THE BRANCH."

- 2) Otago Branch re 1977 Conference

Resolved

"THAT AN ADVANCE OF \$100 BE MADE TO THE OTAGO BRANCH FROM THE CONFERENCE RESERVE ACCOUNT."

- 3) North Otago Branch suggesting that the travelling expenses of one conference delegate be paid direct from Association Funds.

Resolved

"THAT THE FOLLOWING MOTION BE FURTHER CONSIDERED AT THE FEBRUARY 1977 MEETING - THAT THE N. B. A. MEET ONE BRANCH DELEGATE'S TRAVELLING EXPENSES TO AND FROM CONFERENCE ON THE BASIS OF THE AIR FARE INVOLVED OR THE EQUIVALENT OF THE AIR FARE AT THE OPTION OF THE DELEGATE."

(Minute Note: The estimated cost of the proposal will be considered at the December meeting. Where no convenient air travel is available the cost equivalent would be estimated.)

- 4) Funding of Branches: Information received from the Branches listed above was considered and it was decided to leave the matter over until the February meeting when a report based on the 1976 Branch Accounts could be prepared. It was also noted that a further capitation payment for 1976 was due to be made in late November.

DISCUSSION WITH MR IAN FORBES

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF HORTICULTURE

The President extended a warm welcome to Mr Forbes and said how pleased the Executive was to have him attend the meeting. The following matters were covered in the discussion

- 1) Re Apiary Advisory Service

Mr Forbes outlined the re-organisation plan for the service and indicated that the Instructors would be based at Auckland, Hamilton, Tauranga, Palmerston North (2), Christchurch, Oamaru and Gore. A Chief Advisory Officer would be appointed and based in Wellington.

The Executive discussed several aspects of the proposal with Mr Forbes and it was noted that the emphasis would be on Advisory work rather than inspection for disease.

- 2) Re Remit No. 28 - re Economic Survey

Mr Forbes indicated that there was not the resources available to mount a survey -- there were many other demands with a higher priority for economic

study. It was noted that a pilot economic study was currently being carried out in Southland.

3) Bulletin - Beekeeping in New Zealand.

The updating and re-publication was proceeding as quickly as possible.

4) Importation of Queen Bees ex Tonga

Mr Forbes advised that until the Ministry was certain no risks attended the proposal no imports would be allowed. A good deal of research was necessary.

5) Closed Areas

This was briefly discussed and it was noted that some adjustment to the area closed off could be recommended. Mr Robinson reported that he had been surprised at the amount of Tutu that was evident on the Coromandel.

6) Export (Honey) Regulations

The suggested amendments submitted by the Association and other interested parties had been examined by the Ministry and a clean draft would be circulated shortly.

7) Mr Forbes - also brought with him replies to the letters sent to the Ministry regarding Apiary Section staffing, the Export Regulations and the Bulletin. These were duly received.

Before Mr Forbes withdrew the President thanked him for his attendance and for the replies given to the matters raised by the Association.

MR KEN WATERS CHIEF APPRAISER, RURAL BANKING CORPORATION

The President welcomed Mr Waters to the meeting and said how pleased the Executive was that Mr Waters had been able to accept their invitation to attend and discuss loan finance for those engaged in or wishing to take up beekeeping.

The discussion centred around the very real difficulties involved in a lender accepting "hives" as security. Mr Waters advised that the Rural Bank recognised the problem but it was really more of a legal question than anything else.

The difficulties were recognised and one suggestion that was examined was the feasibility of the Association establishing an "Indemnity Fund" to cover underwritten Loan Charges for say the first five years. It would be for the Association to determine which loans should be eligible for Indemnity support.

The President in thanking Mr Waters for his attendance said it had been a most useful and valuable discussion.

It was then resolved

"THAT THE FEASIBILITY OF ESTABLISHING AN INDEMNITY FUND FOR LIMITED LOAN CHARGE UNDERWRITING BE CONSIDERED BY MEMBERS AND THAT THE MATTER BE RAISED AGAIN AT THE DECEMBER MEETING."

ASSOCIATION ACCOUNTS

In attendance Mr C. J. Read and Mrs Norton.

Schedules setting out the payments for August/September 1976 and a summary of expenditure to date (20/9/76) compared to budget were tabled. Mr Read and Mrs Norton replied to questions from members and it was duly moved

1) "THAT THE SCHEDULE SETTING OUT THE PAYMENTS MADE ON BEHALF OF THE ASSOCIATION DURING AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER 1976 AND COVERED BY CHEQUES NUMBERED FROM 617 TO 642 TOTALLING \$15,490;54 BE RECEIVED AND CONFIRMED."

Dickinson/Robinson
Carried

2) "THAT THE SCHEDULE SUMMARISING THE INCOME RECEIVED TOGETHER WITH THE EXPENDITURE FROM 1 JANUARY 1976 TO 20 SEPTEMBER 1976 TOGETHER WITH THE BUDGET ESTIMATES FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31ST 1976 BE RECEIVED."

Dickinson/Robinson
Carried

(Minute Note: It was noted that the Association's accounts and funds available were satisfactory and adequate.)

HIVE LEVY 1977

The Executive Committee gave consideration to the desirability or otherwise of recommending an increase in the Hive Levy for 1977.

After full discussion and having regard to likely cost escalation during 1977 it was duly moved

- 1) "THAT THE ASSOCIATION ADVISE THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE THAT THE ASSOCIATION HAS NO RECOMMENDATION TO MAKE IN RESPECT OF ANY INCREASE IN THE HIVE LEVY FOR 1977."
- 2) "THAT THE MINISTER ALSO BE ADVISED THAT THE ASSOCIATION'S BUDGETED REQUIREMENT FROM THE HIVE LEVY ACCOUNT IN 1977 WILL BE THE SAME AS FOR 1976 NAMELY \$20,000."

Dickinson/McKenzie
Carried

It was further moved

"THAT THE ASSOCIATION ADVISE THE HONEY MARKETING AUTHORITY OF ITS RECOMMENDATION TO THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND REQUEST THE AUTHORITY WHEN CONSIDERING THE RATE OF HIVE LEVY FOR 1977 IT HAVE DUE REGARD TO THE EARLY CALL NEED OF THE ASSOCIATION."

Dickinson/Stuckey
Carried

(Minute Note: The Executive in reaching the above decisions did not have available the Hive Levy Account balance for 1976.)

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S MEMORANDUM 18/9/76 RE CONFERENCE REMIT REGARDING N. B. A./H. M. A. MERGER PROPOSAL

The memorandum was presented as a discussion and study paper.

It was accepted that the paper was the Executive Secretary's appraisal of the position and that the views expressed did not necessarily represent Executive Committee views or Association policy.

The question of the desirability of the Association seeking Government support for a Honey Industry Act that would embrace present Association functions plus the collection of the Hive Levy was considered and it was the consensus that this could proceed without necessarily involving the merger proposal.

It was duly moved

"THAT IT BE A POLICY DECISION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TO TAKE STEPS TO ESTABLISH A HONEY INDUSTRY ACT TO INCORPORATE EXISTING FUNCTIONS PLUS THE COLLECTION AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE HIVE LEVY AND ALSO MAKE PROVISION TO ENABLE THE N. B. A. AND H. M. A. TO MERGE IF AND WHEN THIS IS CONSIDERED DESIRABLE BY THE INDUSTRY."

Stuckey/Robinson
Carried

It was further moved

"THAT THE STUDY PAPER PREPARED BY THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY BE REFERRED TO THE HONEY MARKETING AUTHORITY FOR ITS

INFORMATION AND THAT THE AUTHORITY BE ADVISED THAT THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE WOULD BE PLEASED TO RECEIVE THE H. M. A. BACKGROUND PAPER ON THE MERGER TOPIC IN DUE COURSE."

McKenzie/Clissold
Carried

(Minute Note: The time scale in respect of the proposed Act would be to have in a draft form for the 1977 Conference.)

EXPORT OF RETAIL PACKS

A confidential background paper prepared by the Executive Secretary which had been circulated to Executive members was tabled for discussion.

It was duly moved

"THAT A COPY OF THE PAPER BE REFERRED TO THE HONEY MARKETING AUTHORITY FOR ITS INFORMATION."

McKenzie/Robinson
Carried

DISCUSSION WITH MR IAN FORBES AND ALL APIARY INSTRUCTORS AND THE HONEY GRADER

The President welcomed Mr Forbes and the Apiary Instructors to the meeting and said it was as far as he knew the first occasion on which the Executive had met all the Apiary Advisers collectively. It was fortuitous that both had been meeting in Wellington.

The following topics were discussed informally

- 1) Re-organisation of the Advisory Service
- 2) Pollen sources
- 3) Future development and potential for expansion
- 4) Afforestation policies both in Forestry Department and Catchment Boards etc.
- 5) Liaison with Association Branches.

In this regard it was noted that it would be helpful if Advisory Officers were extended the courtesy of addressing members at the beginning of such meetings rather than at the end of the formal business session.

- 6) Discussion Groups - the desirability of extending the use of discussion groups.

The President thanked all for participating so fully in the informal discussion - the meeting was then adjourned to enable all to go to lunch.

BEEKEEPER

In attendance Mr Trevor Walton.

The Executive discussed "Beekeeper" in general terms with Mr Walton and the President and members expressed pleasure at the quality journal being produced. Mr Walton expressed the hope that members keep him advised of the names of possible advertisers.

One aspect to be emphasised was the need for beekeepers to recognise their responsibilities in respect of disease. It was agreed that the Editor should confer with the Ministry in the preparation of a suitable notice for Beekeeper.

It was noted that the publication/editorial contract with A.P.A. would come up for review at the December meeting.

The question of binding the magazine into a volume was left to the Executive Secretary to examine and report.

BEE RESEARCH ASSOCIATION RE APIMONDIA ADELAIDE TOUR FOR
BEEKEEPERS

In attendance Mr Graeme Walton.

The proposals thus far were discussed and agreed. It was noted that Mr Walton would be discussing the matter further with the Executive Secretary the following day.

The suggestion that a Fund be built up from some of the travel concession allowance to assist suitable technical people to travel to New Zealand following Apimondia was favourably received. It was proposed that the fund be administered jointly.

It was agreed that the proposal be further researched.

PRODUCTION AND INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT REPORT

The report owed its origin to the submissions so far submitted by Branches. It was noted that many of the proposals advanced could be actioned by the Association itself; it was also noted that there was general agreement that there still existed substantial potential for increased honey production.

Clause 5 of the report dealt with Price Stability and it was resolved

- 1) "THAT THE REPORT BE UPDATED AND AMENDED IN KEEPING WITH THE FRESH SUBMISSIONS RECEIVED, AND
- 2) THAT SECTION 5 BE FORWARDED TO THE HONEY MARKETING AUTHORITY FOR ITS INFORMATION."
- 3) "THAT THE SUBJECT BE CONSIDERED FURTHER AT THE DECEMBER MEETING."

CONFERENCE VOTING

The Executive considered the matter as covered in a Southland Remit whereby a member could elect to withhold his vote at a Branch remit meeting and exercise it personally at the Conference of delegates.

After a careful examination of the factors involved it was resolved

"THAT NO FURTHER ACTION BE TAKEN; IT BEING NOTED THAT VOTES CAN BE LEFT UNCOMMITTED AND THAT A MEMBER HAS EVERY OPPORTUNITY TO CONFER WITH HIS BRANCH DELEGATE AT CONFERENCE."

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ELECTION PROCEDURE

Resolved

"THAT THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY BE REQUESTED TO PREPARE FOR EXECUTIVE A SUITABLE BACKGROUND PAPER."

RECORDING OF POLL VOTING AT CONFERENCE

"THAT IT BE NOTED THAT NIL VOTES FOR OR AGAINST WOULD BE BETTER RECORDED IN ZERO SYMBOLS."

AGRICULTURAL CHEMICALS BOARD

Re Report from Association's representative Mr J. W. Fraser

That Mr Fraser be requested to furnish his report for 1976 and also be asked to indicate whether he will be available for re-appointment."

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

Mr J. G. McKenzie in a letter to the President indicated that subject to his plans to accept an overseas appointment he would tentatively tender his resignation with effect from 28 October 1976.

Resolved

"THAT MR MCKENZIE'S ADVICE OF HIS QUALIFIED RESIGNATION WITH EFFECT FROM 28 OCTOBER 1976 BE RECEIVED WITH REGRET AND THAT SHOULD HE PROCEED OVERSEAS THE EXECUTIVE EXTEND TO HIM ITS BEST WISHES FOR A SUCCESSFUL TOUR OF DUTY."

Robinson/Stuckey
Carried

The question of an appointment to fill the casual vacancy was considered and it was agreed that Messrs Dickinson and Clissold be asked to consider the matter and report any proposal to the December meeting.

NEXT MEETING

It was resolved

"THAT THE NEXT MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE BE HELD IN WELLINGTON ON WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY THE 8TH AND 9TH DECEMBER 1976 COMMENCING AT 9 A. M."

The meeting was declared closed at 4.40 p.m.

Perry 9-12-76

NATIONAL BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION OF NEW ZEALAND (INC.)

LIST OF CHEQUES PAID FOR AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 1976

	Cheque Book	2.00	
617	Addressograph	17.16	(Plates)
618	A.P.A. June	1327.61	(Magazine)
619	J. Smith	12.00	(")
620	M. Reid	15.00	(")
621	G. Walton	10.00	(")
622	P.I.C. - transport Taupo	29.00	(Conference)
623	Cancelled	-	
624	G.A. Beard - Conference	125.00	
625	J.G. McKenzie	109.30	(Expenses)
626	T.E.A.C.O. Gp. 2	10,000.00	(Investment)
627	Lakeview Hotel	430.30	(Conference)
628	Taupo Senior Citizens	93.00	(")
629	P.I.C. July	581.80	
630	H.C. Stoner	3.75	(Subscription Refund)
631	P.K. Lucas	3.75	(" ")
632	S. Schapel	3.75	(" ")
633	Copy Shoppe	22.20	(Stationery)
634	Lake View Hotel	86.52	(Conference)
635	Walker & Hall	45.30	(Smaellie Gift)
636	A.P.A.	314.00	(Magazine)
637	Munson Signs	8.00	(Conference)
638	P.I.C. Fee - Aug. & Sept.	1,116.85	
639	R.L. Jansen	6.00	(Refund Deposit)
640	M.G. Stuckey - Air Fare Taupo	43.20	(Conference)
641	A.P.A. - Sept.	940.08	(Magazine)
642	I.J. Dickinson	147.40	
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NATIONAL BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE NATIONAL BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION HELD IN THE ASSOCIATION'S OFFICES, WILLIAMS PARKING CENTRE WELLINGTON ON WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY THE 8TH AND 9TH DECEMBER 1976 COMMENCING AT 10.15 A.M. ON WEDNESDAY THE 8TH DECEMBER 1976.

PRESENT:

Messrs P. Berry (in Chair)
M. Stuckey
I. J. Dickinson
A. Clissold

ALSO PRESENT:

Messrs G. A. Beard
R. F. Poole (First day only)
D. Hayman (" " ")

APOLOGY:

Mr R. Robinson

WELCOME TO MEMBERS AND VISITORS:

In opening the meeting the President welcomed Messrs Poole and Hayman to the meeting and advised that both were present as Authority members to help in the formulation of a joint Base Price recommendation to the Minister later in the day.

BASE PRICE FOR HONEY 1977:

In introducing the subject the Chairman advised that the following factors could be included in the consideration -

- 1) to establish the form in which the representations were to be advanced
- 2) the argument and need of producers to achieve a higher level of price
- 3) the improved parity prices available to New Zealand honey
- 4) the need to adopt a new approach in respect of the basis for the Base Price
- 5) the movement in prices between local and export
- 6) the need to move away from the old unsatisfactory "cost" basis
- 7) the need to relate interval honey prices to world markets over a reasonable period - this conformed to Government Primary Product pricing policies.

The Chairman then invited Mr Poole Chairman of H. M. A. to outline the Authority's policy attitude on the question. Mr Poole reported that the H. M. A. felt the Base Price should go to 70 cents plus a further 10 cents without restriction if returns satisfied such a criteria. In general the price for honey should be related to a "realisations" base rather than the somewhat doubtful cost basis used over recent years.

The question was then opened up for general discussion. Mr Dickinson pointed out that most producers needed a higher return - it was generally accepted that the Base Price procedure had not resulted in realistic prices being set. Generally beekeepers were not in a good position to update plant - it was an industry with a high risk factor and while recognising the need to maintain reasonable reserves, beekeepers were entitled to have a higher price and so improve individual producer viability. The impact of inflation on Reserves was another factor to be taken into account.

Mr Stuckey in commenting said most producers would agree that the local market could stand a rise in honey prices - there should be a closer relationship between parity and local prices.

Mr Clissold said he supported the comments advanced by Mr Dickinson - there was a definite need to a "realisations" pricing basis.

Mr Hayman pointed out the rises that had taken place in honey prices over the last four years - from 38 cents to 60 cents.

A number of different formulae were examined and it was duly resolved "that the following basis be advanced jointly by the N. B. A. and the H. M. A.:

"THAT THE RECOMMENDED 1977 BASE PRICE BE SET AT A MINIMUM OF 70 CENTS A KG WITH A FULL PAYOUT OF REALISATIONS TO 80 CENTS A KG, PLUS 70 PER CENT OF ANY REALISATIONS IN EXCESS OF 80 CENTS A KG."

(Minute Note: The principal factors taken into account were

- a) Increased production costs over the last year
- b) the likely increased costs in 1977
- c) the overall effects of inflation
- d) the higher level of export realisations)

A suitable statement/memorandum in support was prepared and duly presented to Mr J. B. Bolger Under-Secretary for Agriculture by Messrs Berry and Poole on behalf of the N. B. A. and H. M. A. acting in concert.

On resuming its meeting the following day it was duly moved

"THAT THE EXECUTIVE CONFIRM THE BASE PRICE SUBMISSION MADE TO GOVERNMENT."

Mr Chairman/Stuckey
Carried

REPORT ON INTERVIEW WITH MR BOLGER

The Chairman briefly reported on the outcome of the interview he and Mr Poole had with Mr Bolger. There was doubt whether a decision would be available by Christmas - generally the joint representations had been well received and he was hopeful of a favourable outcome.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the previous meeting held on September 27/28 having been circulated were taken as read and confirmed on the motion of Messrs Clissold/Stuckey.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

1. Re Apimondia

The Executive Secretary advised that he had not been in touch with Mr Graham Walton recently but he understood arrangements were proceeding to sponsor an organised tour.

2. 1977 Conference - Venue & Dates

Mr Dickinson reported that the Otago Branch would host the Conference and essential preliminary bookings had been made. The venue would be the Northern Oaks Hall. It was then resolved

- a) "THAT THE 1977 CONFERENCE BE HELD IN DUNEDIN ON WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY AND FRIDAY THE 27TH, 28TH AND 29TH JULY 1977.
- b) THAT MONDAY AND TUESDAY THE 25TH AND 26TH BE SET ASIDE FOR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND H. M. A. MEETINGS
- c) THAT THE MINISTRY BE ADVISED THAT THE FRIDAY COULD BE

CLEARED OF OTHER COMMITMENTS IF THEY WISHED TO SPONSOR A SEMINAR/FIELD DAY."

3. Re Indemnity Fund to Underwrite Loans to Producers

Resolved

"THAT THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY DISCUSS THE PROPOSAL WITH AN APPROPRIATE INSURANCE OFFICE AND REPORT BACK TO THE MARCH MEETING."

4. N. B. A./H. M. A. Merger Proposal

It was noted that due to the General Manager of H. M. A. being overseas the background paper from H. M. A. had not yet been prepared.

Resolved

"THAT THE MATTER BE CONSIDERED AGAIN AT THE MARCH 1977 MEETING."

5. Agricultural Chemicals Board

The Executive Secretary advised that he had not as yet written to Mr Fraser but would do so in the near future - noted

6. Executive Committee Membership - Extraordinary Vacancy arising through resignation of Mr Gavin McKenzie

It was recorded that the Executive had two courses available to it - one to make a temporary appointment pending the mid year election, second to continue until mid year with one member short.

Mr Dickinson reported on the enquiries he had made since the September meeting but had not made sufficient progress to be able to make a recommendation.

It was duly resolved

"THAT MR R. F. POOLE BE APPROACHED TO SERVE AS A TEMPORARY MEMBER ON THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE UNTIL THE MID YEAR ELECTIONS AND THAT SHOULD HE BE UNAVAILABLE THEN THE VACANCY REMAIN UNFILLED UNTIL THE MID YEAR ELECTION IS HELD."

BEEKEEPER - PRODUCTION BASIS FOR 1977

In attendance the Editor Mr Trevor Walton.

Mr Walton in a letter to the Executive dated 30 November 1976 advised that due to rising costs in most areas of journal production an increase in fees was requested.

The nett effect per issue would be a rise of \$300 - from close to \$1,000 to \$1,300. These figures took into account a recovery from advertising of approximately \$500 per issue.

In all 1,100 copies were printed per issue.

The Chairman in commenting said it was necessary to first determine whether the Executive was happy with the Journal; if so then consider whether the increased production costs should be met. The consensus of view was in support of the Journal as it was being produced. It was noted that there were now over sixty overseas subscribers.

It was duly moved

1. "THAT THE BASIS AND COST COVERING THE PRODUCTION OF FOUR ISSUES OF BEEKEEPER IN 1977 BE APPROVED ON THE BASIS AS SET OUT IN THE EDITORS LETTER DATED 30 NOVEMBER 1977."

Dickinson/Clissold
Carried

2. "THAT THE REVISED ADVERTISING RATES AS SET OUT AND TABLED BE APPROVED."

Stuckey/Clissold
Carried

CORRESPONDENCE

Mr Gavin McKenzie - writing from New Guinea/Papua advising that he and his family had settled in well and were enjoying the experience. - received

Minister of Agriculture - advising policy in respect of clear felling of forests. - received and referred to Editor. It was noted that a copy had been circulated to Branches. - received

West Coast Branch re submission to South Westland Land Use Study Group. The Executive Secretary's reply was tabled and confirmed.

Minister of Agriculture - replying to Executive's request that a Honey Industry Act be included on the 1977 legislative programme.

In reporting the Executive Secretary advised that it now seemed possible that an Empowering Act in support of the Association collecting the Hive Levy could be a preferred course: It might well be a less complicated approach and achieve the same result.

Moved

"THAT THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY PERSUE ENQUIRIES AND TAKE ALL STEPS TO FURTHER PROSPECT THE QUESTION AND REPORT BACK TO THE MARCH MEETING."

Dickinson/Clissold
Carried

Minister of Rural Banking re Livestock Incentive Scheme - received Copies to Branches and Editor.

National Roads Board - replying to Association's representations re mowing of road side grass verges. - received and referred to Branches and Editor.

Department of Labour re Retail Metric Weights for Honey. - received and referred to Branches and Editor.

Postmaster-General - advising that the question of the Post Office producing a postage stamp depicting a bee motif would be considered further at an appropriate time. received with copy to Branches and Editor.

Department of Labour re registration of Honey Packing Establishments. - received and noted.

Director-General of Agriculture - advising that the 1977 appropriation from the Hive Levy Account to the Association would remain at \$20,000 as requested. The Director-General also confirmed that the 1977 Hive Levy rate of 15 cents a hive would remain unaltered. - received.

Farm Forestry Association seeking support, co-operation and liaison and requesting an article for their journal.

Resolved

- 1) "THAT MR GRAHAM WALTON BE REQUESTED TO CONTRIBUTE A SUITABLE ARTICLE FOR PUBLICATION IN THE FORESTRY ASSOCIATION'S JOURNAL."
- 2) "THAT THE SOUTH-WESTERN BE REQUESTED TO SENT A REPRESENTATIVE TO THE APRIL CONFERENCE OF THE FORESTRY ASSOCIATION SCHEDULED TO BE HELD IN NEW PLYMOUTH APRIL 18-23 1977."

Mr F. W. Bartrum - enquiring about legislation relating to Honey mead.

Executive members advised that the matter was examined in depth some years ago and the investigations showed that there was no way honey mead could be marketed.

Resolved

"THAT MR DICKINSON BE REQUESTED TO REPLY DIRECT TO MR BARTRUM."

Mr Lawrence Judd - re hives and equipment.

Resolved

"THAT IT BE SUGGESTED TO MR JUDD THAT HE WRITE TO MR GRAHAM WALTON MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE & FISHERIES PALMERSTON NORTH."

H. M. A. - advising of Authority's recommendation re 1977 Base Price. - received refer earlier minute.

Canterbury Branch re

- a) Names and addresses of President and Secretary. - noted
- b) Re Conference - Dunedin now confirmed.
- c) Branch Funding - see later minute.

H. M. A. - forwarding memorandum on production development and honey pricing. - received and referred to March meeting.

BRANCH FUNDING

A schedule detailing the membership of each Branch and the payments made during 1976 was tabled for consideration.

The Executive Secretary reported that it was apparent that a substantial increase in Branch capitation grants would be necessary in 1977.

Various alternative basis's were examined and it was duly moved

"THAT THE 1977 BRANCH CAPITATION GRANTS BE ASSESSED ON THE FOLLOWING BASIS -

- A) FOR BRANCHES HAVING BETWEEN ONE AND 19 COMMERCIAL MEMBERS A BASIC ALLOCATION OF \$75 APPLY
- B) FOR BRANCHES HAVING BETWEEN 20 AND 39 COMMERCIAL MEMBERS A BASIC ALLOCATION OF \$150 APPLY
- C) FOR BRANCHES HAVING 40 OR MORE COMMERCIAL MEMBERS A BASIC ALLOCATION OF \$175 APPLY
- D) THAT THERE BE ADDED TO ALL BASIC ALLOCATIONS A FURTHER ALLOWANCE OF 50 CENTS A MEMBER BASED ON TOTAL BRANCH MEMBERSHIP BE MADE
- E) THAT FOR BRANCH ALLOWANCE PURPOSES THE DECEMBER BRANCH MEMBERSHIP FOR THE PRECEDING YEAR BE USED AS THE BASIS OF COMPUTING THE ALLOWANCES."

Dickinson/Stuckey
Carried

1977 CONFERENCE - DELEGATES TRAVELLING ALLOWANCE

Resolved

"THAT A GRANT-IN-AID BE MADE TO ONE DELEGATE FROM EACH BRANCH EQUIVALENT TO THE COST OF THE ONE WAY AIR FARE FROM THE AIRPORT NEAREST TO THE DELEGATE'S PLACE OF RESIDENCE TO THE VENUE OF CONFERENCE (1977 - DUNEDIN)."

NORTHLAND BRANCH

The Executive Secretary drew attention to the fact that the Northland Branch membership totalled seven members and that this was below the minimum number required under the Rules to maintain a Branch.

It was duly resolved

- 1) "THAT THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY WRITE TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE NORTHLAND BRANCH ADVISING HIM OF THE POSITION AND ASKING WHETHER AN INCREASE IN MEMBERSHIP IS LIKELY IN THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE."
- 2) THAT SHOULD THE NORTHLAND BRANCH ADVISE THAT INCREASED MEMBERSHIP TO ACHIEVE A MINIMUM OF TEN MEMBERS THEN STEPS BE TAKEN TO WIND UP THE BRANCH AND THAT THE ASSETS BE RETURNED TO THE ASSOCIATION AND THE MEMBERS CONCERNED BE ADVISED THAT THEY WILL BE DEEMED TO BE MEMBERS OF THE NORTHLAND BRANCH."

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Moved

"THAT THE SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS MADE IN OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER 1976 AND REPRESENTED BY CHEQUES NUMBERED 643 TO 762 INCLUSIVE AND TOTALLING \$2,458.31 BE CONFIRMED."

Dickinson/Stuckey
Carried

ADDITIONAL CHEQUE SIGNATORY

The Executive Secretary reported that as Mr Read would be absent overseas from early March 1977 it would be desirable if Mrs Norton could be added to the list of persons authorised to sign cheques issued in the name of the Association.

It was moved

"THAT MRS PAULINE GRETA NORTON BE ADDED TO THE LIST OF PERSONS AUTHORISED TO SIGN CHEQUES ISSUED IN THE NAME OF THE ASSOCIATION IN THE ABSENCE OF EITHER G. A. BEARD AND C. J. READ."

Mr Chairman/Stuckey
Carried

LIST OF LIFE MEMBERS

Resolved

"THAT THE DRAFT LIST AS AMENDED BE PUBLISHED IN THE MARCH 1977 BEEKEEPER."

FEDERATED FARMERS

Mr Dickinson advised that he was still receiving meeting papers for the Agriculture Section.

Resolved

"THAT THE FEDERATION BE ADVISED THAT THE ASSOCIATION DOES NOT WISH TO CONTINUE TO BE REPRESENTED ON THE AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE AS IT CONSIDERS ITS REPRESENTATION ON DOMINION COUNCIL IS ADEQUATE."

EXPORT HONEY REGULATIONS - REDRAFT

The revised draft was tabled and discussed.

The upper limit quantity that could be posted overseas could be raised to 10kg to take advantage of more favourable postage rates was noted.

Resolved

"THAT THE MINISTRY BE ADVISED THAT THE DRAFT AS CIRCULATED APPEARS ACCEPTABLE."

(Minute Note: The question as to whether granulated comb honey should be allowed to be accepted for export was subsequently raised.)

GOVERNMENT AID TO INDUSTRY

The several submissions made by Branches on this and related topics had over the last six months been considered and where appropriate suitable action taken.

It was duly resolved

"THAT THE SEVERAL SUBMISSIONS BE RECEIVED AND THAT IT BE RECORDED THAT THE QUESTION OF DIRECT GOVERNMENT AID BE ALLOWED TO REST MEANTIME AND THAT IN RESPECT OF THE OTHER TOPICS RAISED IT BE RECORDED THAT MOST HAVE BEEN OR ARE IN THE PROCESS OF BEING ACTED UPON BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE."

VOTING PROCEDURE - EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ELECTIONS

Resolved

"THAT THE MATTER BE HELD UNTIL THE MARCH 1977 MEETING FOR DECISION."

GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Re Metric Weight Divisions for Retail Honey Packs

The Executive considered the desirability of achieving a more uniform schedule of acceptable kilogram packs. The principal problem surrounds the 900gram pack; also there was a demand for packs of kilogram multiples above 2 kilograms.

Resolved

"THAT MR CHURCH OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT (WEIGHTS AND MEASURERS) BE INVITED TO ATTEND THE MARCH MEETING."

NEXT MEETING DATE

Resolved

"THAT THE NEXT MEETING BE HELD IN WELLINGTON ON MONDAY AND TUESDAY THE 28/29 MARCH 1977 COMMENCING AT 9 A.M. ON THE 28TH."

OFFICE LOCATION AFTER JANUARY 1ST 1977

The attention of the Executive was drawn to the fact that the offices of the Association would be located on Level 14 Pastoral House, Lower Lambton Quay from January 1st 1977.

SEASONS GREETINGS

Before closing the meeting the President extended the seasons greetings to members and staff and expressed appreciation of the results achieved for the Association over the past year.

There being no further business the meetings was closed at 3.00 p.m.

Perry
28-3-77